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## JAPANESE STAMPS.

appears from the translations given of a Japanese gentleman that the value of the first issued stamps is really in *mon* not in *tempoes* and *sepi* as generally supposed, and that the little marks which are found on the stamps of the third issue are the various editions of the stamps, serving the same purpose as the plate numbers on the English stamps. The sheets printed to the number of 10,000, and these little signs are changed, and the signs themselves are letters of the *ka-na* alphabet. By means of these letter syllables an exact account can be given of the number of stamps issued, so that the revenue produced by the sale of stamps is under complete control. The *ka-na* writing signifies "fragments of paper" and is the most usual kind of writing for business affairs, etc., and is generally used by gentlemen, while ladies write *ka-kana*, which is a different and a nobler character. Since the third emission of stamps have borne the words *yu-bing-kitte*—postage stamps. The envelope bears *yu-bing-ho-chi*—post envelope.

## PROGRESS OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

It is interesting to notice the progress of stamped paper since its first introduction, and the various attempts made to establish a postal system, all of which proved failures, until the present system, proposed by Sir Rowland Hill, was adopted by the British Parliament in 1837. About the first country to issue stamped paper was China, as it is claimed that Taetsoo established a very perfect postal system in A. D. Stamped paper was next used

during the reign of Louis XIV by M. De-Valayer, who established a penny post in 1653. Again in 1758 M. De Chamouset under Louis XV prepared stamps similar to those now in use. Stamps were next used in Spain in 1817. Italy, perceiving the gains derived from this system, issued stamped envelopes in 1819 to 1836. The next attempt to issue stamps was made by Lieut. Treffenberg, of Stockholm, in 1823. His plans were rejected by the Swedish Assembly, although receiving the support of Count de Schwerin. England was the next to issue stamps, the 1 d. (black) appearing on the 6th of May, 1840. Almost all the civilized world now possesses the boon of postage stamps, Burmah, Madagascar and China proper alone remaining devoid thereof.

It is by no means an uncommon occurrence that a man who has earned the gratitude and respect of the nation, finds the people of his native town the last to publicly recognise his merit. Although as long ago as 1846 Sir Rowland Hill was publicly rewarded for carrying out the establishment of a penny postal system, up to the present time the inhabitants of his birthplace, Kidderminster, have not specially shown their appreciation of the great work due the exertions of their townsman. An attempt is, however, being made to supply the omission by raising a permanent memorial to Sir Rowland Hill at Kidderminster. A committee has been formed, under the auspices of the Mayor, and it has been decided to raise the necessary funds by means of a national penny subscription. It is now forty years since Sir Rowland Hill published a

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phamlet describing his ideas of postal reform, which three years later were carried into effect. We have therefore had thirty seven years of experience from which to judge of the value of the system, and it is not too much to say that no other reform has had so tremendous an effect upon the community at large, or proved of greater public service. The introduction and development of telegraphy has since that period aided wonderfully in uniting distant countries and parts of countries

with each other, but the development of correspondence by the introduction of a penny post was a work which entitles the originator to live in the world's history as a public benefactor. Already the idea of erecting a monument to Kildner has been taken up in Vienna and Leipzig where subscription lists have been opened, and it is impossible to believe that any person who corresponds at all will not give his mite in so meritorious a cause. *London Observer.*

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tend to sell my stamps as cheap as American dealer and will fill orders any catalogue.

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**LATE DODGES.**

as become the custom of stamp deal- publish papers with euphonious tithch they dedicate to the elevation promotion of Philately, but edited in ner likely to bring only disgrace on science, as it is seldom that one can ch an amount of conceit and self- rasing as is found in an average paper. Prominent among the ob- able features is what we call the story dodge." In speaking of this S. C. justly says: "They exhibit y combination of the brazen impu- of the blackmail operator, with the inwardness of the confidence man. ealer has his choice either to pay 15 and be classed with the good reli- ealers, or refuse and be regulated g the bad, unreliable class." We be- that it is only ignorance on the part e interesting specimens of Philate- In supposing that such articles as mail, confidence games, frightening ment youngster, etc., can be inter- eading and acceptable to their pat-

ay be remembered that some ten ence, the Indian stamp, Scinde Dis- Dawk, had its authenticity called in on, but Sir Bartle Frere definitely its genuine character. This stamp recently sold for \$100.

**A FINE COLLECTION.****Biographies of Prominent Stamp Dealers.**

Assistance lend, ye Gods and Graces,  
And help our artist draw these faces.

MR. SCOTT, of New York, is an English gentleman, about thirty-one or two years of age. In placing him at the head of our sketch, we are but expressing our appreciation for what he has done to elevate Philately during the last ten years. Mr. Scott is also an extensive dealer in coins.

W. P. BROWN, Esq., of New York, is known as "Jersey Blue," and is an honest, square dealing man. His father is now in Japan, translating the Bible into Japanese. This speaks volumes for the evangelical character of the stamp business and those connected therewith.

MR. S. ALLEN TAYLOR, of New York, about whom so much has been said is a married gentleman about thirty-seven years of age. He was born in Ireland, but of Scotch parentage. Much cheap gas has been expended in abusing Mr. T., but his enemies find that he is sharper than a two-edged sword, and can write the most biting sarcasms of any one known.

MR. F. TRIFET, of Boston, is a married gentleman, born in one of the French colonies. His real name is De Villers and he appears to have been nurtured on the sour end of a lemon, but this seemingly does not interfere with his business, as he has made money out of stamps.

JAMES M. CHUTE, Esq., of Boston, a gentleman of about thirty, is one of the oldest and certainly the best writer on stamps in America, his articles having appeared in Harper's and many other prominent magazines. Mr. C. has been an active collector since 1859, and has one of the finest collections in America.

L. W. DURBIN, of Philadelphia, is an honest old fellow, who, "with becoming dignity and stately pride will spread our reputation far and wide." He issues a paper, however, that gives us a billious attack every time we read it.

Mr. Jos. BERFELD, of Chicago, is by birth an Hungarian, but of Jewish descent. "A sublime relic of by-gone grandeur." His paper contains the only (?) reliable (?) list of honest and dishonest dealers published in the United States. We believe Mr. B. will lose what little reputation is still left him if he continues this system of blackmail.

Mr. J. J. Casey still persists in saying that the Kapurthala stamp is a postal, while Messrs Stanly, Gibbons & Co. say:

"We have before us documents that for all settle all doubt as to what Kapurthala stamp is. Mr. Rever, British Resident, writes that the only hesive stamp issued by the state is an *anna law stamp*." The state has not issued any postage stamps. It would be best Mr. Casey not to allow his word to be in contact with such authority, for must remember that he was the concocter of the Berford abominations, that his word is odious to respectable collectors and word not worth one cent.

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Austrian, Italy, Rome, New Brunswick surcharged New South Wales, etc, 25

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100 varieties, including Russia, Iceland, Sweden unpaid letter 1 Krona New Zealand, and others, rare . . . 25

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## HOW THEY MET.

It is the duty of stamp journals not only to chronicle the issue of new stamps, but they should also note the movements of prominent Philatelists. We appreciate the efforts to obtain notoriety, and would encourage them by publishing this account of a meeting of Chicago dealers.

It is due the unknowing to explain that the meeting was held some time ago, and was called by Joe Beifeld, a gentleman of whom it might be said that he had been finally washed ashore from Bohemia. It is not for the fact that washing of this kind is an operation with which he is even figuratively familiar. We have never been able to decide whether this meeting was called to discuss matters of importance to the science, or merely a mutual admiration affair. However, it is sufficient to know that this meeting was held in Chicago, on Fourth avenue, and that one of the gentlemen was pleased to term "Joe's harem." We did not understand the expression, but concluded he meant to say it was a harum-scarum affair. Promptly at the hour appointed Wm. Beifeld, Joe Beifeld, J. A. Pierce, A. W. Locke, H. Luebker, B. M. Howe, M. Wendell and nine other gentlemen, whom the convention would be to advertise, assembled in a hall bedroom which was densely crowded by the convention, most of the gentlemen present having to sit on an auctioneer's stool, while others hung on the table window sill.

Mr. Beifeld suggested that it would be a good thing to organize this meeting, and a much better thing to elect a President thereof. Mr. Pierce proposed, saying that although this was Mr. Beifeld's har—

interrupted by Joe, who was about to annihilate him had not the entire convention been thrown into consternation by a suggestion from Mr. Leckie that a collection should be taken for the cigars. There was a moment's dead silence, broken by Mr. "Baby" Luebker exclaiming, "collection bed—d." His remark didn't astonish any one, as it was understood that he had asked for a loan of fifteen cents from Mr. Locke who refused to trust him. At this moment Mr. Wendell came crawling from under the bed and persuaded Mr. Howe to take the chair and explain the object of the convention. Mr. Howe, supposing stamps to be the subject, boldly plunged into a speech regarding the financial prospects of dealers. He spoke in a very touching manner of a trusty maiden who had waited patiently for Pi—p,—perhaps for ten years—hoping for her beloved to raise the necessary from stamps, base ball, etc. to dare to make the venture. This speech would undoubtedly have been of two hours duration had not Mr. Beifeld once more come to the front. Clearing his throat he said: "Mr. Chairman and fellow citizens—I desire to state my object in calling this meeting. I have been told that Mr. Chute, who is underselling me, is dealing in counterfeits." Here Mr. Locke rose and desired to say that Mr. Beifeld's statement was altogether preposterous. The idea of making such a misrepresentation to a parcel of intelligent collectors and dealers. At this point a Mr. Wm. Fay made a dash for the door, but fell over Mr. Wendell, who uttered a piercing cry of alarm so frightful to Mr. Luebker that he went into seven consecutive convulsions and finally flattened out on the floor. Mr. Howe called for order by pounding Mr. Beifeld

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on the head with a lump of coal. It was to no effect. The din increased—half a dozen gentlemen simultaneously striving to be heard. At last the noise subsided under the sedative influence of four policemen who considered this too much even for a Fourth avenue house, and so took charge of the convention. Thus closed a meeting that was a disgrace even to Chicago dealers.

### PHILATELIC GOSSIP.

"A sin prevailing much in youthful men,  
Who give their eyes the liberty of gazing."  
—[Comedy of Errors.

Scott & Co.—Sick. Very natural.

Durbin—"Casey is a liar!" That's so.

Coster—Wanted. Oath on a number of locals.

Chute—Gone. No longer a bachelor.

Trifet—"Played out." Humph! we all knew it.

Casey—Another Indian monstrosity. Good Gawd! is it possible.

Pinkham—"Hard up." Sorry. It's catching.

Taylor—Contented. Boston baked beans. Eh?

Pierce—To be married. Pity the girl.

Beifeld—Busted. Good thing.

Handford—Disgusted. Sold on one of Coster's locals?

Gamb—"I am a success." The deuce!

A large and flourishing supply of Russian Locals have continued to appear with impunity. We advise collectors to let them appear.

The same may be said of the East Indian monstrosities which have, for a year or two back, been so prolific in their ugliness. We feel certain some honest dealer is making these things, and hope he will desist and inflict his hideous creations on Philatelists no more.

Spurious Persian post cards, with inscription in French, are being sold by some of the honest dealers in Chicago, Boston, New York and elsewhere. We think it awful wicked for honest, reliable dealers to sell swindling post cards. The vile forgers and counterfeiters, of course, are beyond redemption, and it is not much

matter what they sell, but it is not exactly square for pious, reliable dealers to do so, and we hope they will give the bad habit up.

We think it hardly fair for the Master of Honduras to replenish his lapsed treasury at the expense of unsophisticated stamp collectors, by the manufacture of postage stamps. That the chief clerk and bottle washer of the Honduras Post Office is trying to do so is evident from the fact that of the million stamps prepared by the N. B. Co., one-fifth were kept in New York, the remainder were carefully packed and sent to London, Paris, Berlin and Hamburg. However, to give them a character (if such a thing is possible) a few values have been sent to Honduras, the two spurious values included, and are now in circulation, but clean ones are much cheaper in New York than in Honduras.

It is painful to witness the death struggles of Scott's *J.* of Philately. Having watched its career for the past years we are surprised that it has not perished into a permanent limbo long before this. Of all the stamp journals published this is the most expensive and useless, for a shameful waste of good paper and point to the late numbers of this magazine, which contain nothing but reduced and uninteresting matter, particularly a descriptive list of postage stamps which is inferior to the average catalogue. The editors, not fully satisfied that they were fools, convinced every one that was the case by actually reducing the price of the journal one-fourth, instead of increasing it at least that much, as should have been done when considering the purchasing power of the money of to-day that of six years ago. All of this must be very unsatisfactory to Philatelists who would like to see an American journal that has degenerated to a "nothing." While the editorial chair was occupied by Casey, the journal gained a reputation for its pure unadulterated rot. It has now lost that, and has nothing to fill the void, so the sooner it emigrates to whither

combine twineth the sooner it will do at one good thing for Philately, and give room for a journal deserving support.

We were on our way to St. Louis, and by combining pleasure with business did not experience that feeling of worry and unusual to a business trip, and thus felt inclined to study our fellow travelers. Attention was soon attracted by the "stamps" to a little group of three who had a few seats forward. After convincing ourselves that postage stamps was the object, and feeling unusually inquisitive, we moved forward, but had scarcely seated ourselves before the friends of our young proprietor stepped off at a station. Feelings somewhat interested in him we began conversation, expressing a desire to see a stamp collection. He kindly offered to accompany us the following day to a dealer on Fifth street. In reply to inquiries regarding this dealer, we were told that he had formerly occupied a spacious attic and kept his stamps under the bed, but one day he had smiled on him and he never lived in a garret. When calling on the dealer the following day, we found the place in charge of a small boy, who was to suppose that the proprietor was engaged in exploring the most desirable lunch routes of the city. However, when he returned. We shall not attempt to describe him further than to say that he was a young gentleman about twenty years of age, apparently possessed with an exalted sense of his own importance, and showing the stamps exhibited by the dealer to be some interesting specimens used by the pharaohs or Almehs of Egypt, which our friend mistook for Chinese spoons. On being informed that they were Egyptian officials, he appeared deeply interested, and seemed determined not to let his ignorance hereafter, so when he had carefully unrolled a bundle of fine stamps, which revealed a number of odd stamps from Mr. Casey, of New York, our friend remarked: "Oh! yes; he gets stamps. Any one would know they are bogus." The disgust pictured on the face of the dealer was too funny to

describe. We could not stand it any longer so bidding our friend good-day, departed, well satisfied with the amusement Philately had afforded us on this occasion.

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## JOSEPH J. CASEY.

### I.

GREAT many collectors have written to us for information regarding this Philatelic nuisance. Feeling inclined to humor them, we addressed an official of the New York Detective force, requesting him to "work up a truthful history of J. J. Casey. He has done this to our entire satisfaction, and the information thus obtained enables us to give the following sketch of Mr. Casey:

### II.

JOSEPH JOHN CASEY, M. A., familiarly known to stamp collectors as "Stampy Casey," is by birth and profession an Irishman, and it is needless to state does his business on a strictly Irish basis, and although Philatelic Ethnology is a branch of the stamp collecting science that is not usually interesting, owing to the fact that it has not been worked up, we would nevertheless state that Mr. Casey is descended from high ancestral stock, his grandfather's uncle being a lineal descendant of Phading McGuffin Casey, of Mulligan, a patriot and great man, whose motto was "*Shannet-a-boo*," and who flourished about a thousand years, more or less, before the Christian era.

In late years a member of the Casey family distinguished himself by the invention of the celebrated household panacea known as Casey's Whiskey, a mortuary beverage endorsed by all the leading undertakers and dear to the hearts of all inebriate coroners throughout the country, and with which we suggest that such of our readers as have no suicidal intents should do but little to do.

The subject of our biography, after graduating as a bar-keeper at the paternal distillery, an edifice which still exists in Broadway street, an avenue of no good repute

in New York city, was sent to the New York Free Academy, a charitable institution where tuition is gratis, and whence his degree of "M. A.," the meaning of which in connection with Joseph would be hard to discover. After manufacturing spurious Egyptian and United States local stamps, all of which he warranted genuine, he founded—for founding is his strong point—a Stamp Society, *i. e.* if an assemblage of persons severally embracing a divorce lawyer, a rum merchant's clerk, one respectable citizen, two beats, two sheenies, a bald-headed Quaker and a fool can be called a society. His next weakness was libel suits, and the cases of Casey *vs.* Scott and Casey *vs.* Kottshofski are matters of history, his tactics in the latter case causing the New York *Herald* to devote a good portion of one of its columns to holding him up to the contempt he deserved. His next enterprise was in the false pretense line, and its particular method was that he wrote to several of the patent medicine manufacturers in New York, falsely stating that the Commission of the Centennial Exhibition had requested him to exhibit his collection of stamp trash at the Exhibition—a statement utterly false, Mr. Goshorn, the President of the Commission, denying any such fact, as well as all knowledge of Casey. Owing to the leniency of various parties Mr. Casey was not withdrawn from circulation at the time, greatly to the detriment of all free lunch establishments in the city; but had the stamps which he obtained by false pretense been things of any conceivable value, Mr. Casey would long ere this have been Philatelizing in the New York State Prison at Sing Sing, a place where we feel convinced a congenial element would have fondly welcomed him.

In private life Mr. Casey is not a person of pleasing manners or habits, as he

changes his boarding-house about once a month, and his celebrated "fly-by-night" black trunk, well known to all the night-hawk cabmen, has more than once been lowered from an upper story window while the landlady was wrapt in slumber. None of the New York dealers (Messrs. J. W. Scott and W. P. Brown) will permit him to enter their places of business, Mr. Brown threatening to let loose his Japanese terrier on him, an animal of savage, cannibal propensity, if Casey should venture too near his premises. We feel quite convinced that unless Mr. Casey speedily reforms his end will be a serious one. Let us remind him that "while the lamp holds out to burn the vilest sinner," &c.

### III

An opportunity was recently offered the Editor to visit New York, while there a portion of his time was devoted to Philatelic matters &c. As it may prove interesting to our readers to learn a little about this visit, we shall copy a small portion of the Editor's Journal:

"Among the objects that interest Philatelists visiting New York may be classed what is known to the police of that city as 'limping Billy Brown.' I turned to this gentleman for information regarding Mr. Casey, which was cheerfully given. Here I learned that Mr. Casey had become such excellent authority regarding the most direct free lunch routes of the city that he had deemed it advisable to publish a Lunch guide, and the large sale of this work among the free-feeders and five cent men of New York has enabled him to live luxuriously in the fourth story of a tenement house on the east side. After arming myself with weapons of a defensive and offensive nature, I entered this smell-as-you-please quarter of the city in search of Mr. Casey. One of my offensive (or rather defensive) weapons was a can of garlic, and whenever I found it necessary to obtain fresh air I simply inhaled this garlic, for the atmosphere in the can was quite refreshing compared with that out of it.

"In due time I found myself in the room

occupied by 'Stampy Joe,' who was engaged with several ladies strongly resembling defrauded washerwomen. The most prominent piece of furniture in this room was a small library. I shall name a few of the volumes which attracted my attention. Most conspicuous among them, on account of fancy binding, was a little work entitled 'How to Behave.' This is doubtless the gift of some admiring (!) friend, but I suspect that this little volume has been sadly neglected. Mr. Casey's acquaintances certainly have reason to regret this. The next was an old but evidently highly valued work. The title disclosed the fact that it treated on 'A Model Potato and How to Raise It.' The prominence given to this ancient volume led me to suppose it had once been the property of Mr. Casey's parents, who, in their unsatisfactory efforts to raise their darling properly, had been driven to consult this work frequently, but without success. Another volume was entitled 'The Human Feet—Their Shape, Dress and Care.' Mr. Casey has shown common sense in attempting to improve that which is easiest to improve.

"At this point I was interrupted by Mr. Casey's visitors, who became so emphatic both in language and actions that I thought it safer to call again than to remain; but, unfortunately, my time did not permit me to do this."

### WYTHEVILLE PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Wytheville, Va., has lately become known to the outside world through a stamp society. It is a village containing 1,600 inhabitants. It would be hard to find any poorer looking place, and the inhabitants present a similar appearance, with but few exceptions.

We have become sick and tired of the doctored reports of this so-called Philatelic society. These reports are prepared by a boy named Heuser, for the purpose of advertising an exceedingly small stamp business which he carries on in the same manner that he trades marbles (duf-

school hours. We have no desire to do this boy of the credit due him for his luck and ingenuity in thus advertising himself and associates, but we protest against making our columns a vehicle for carrying these youngsters to fame and riches free of charge. To be plain, our advertising rates are fifty cents per inch. We are sorry to say that the youth who forwarded the report of this so-called society entirely forgot this fact, and for this reason his report cannot be found in our columns.

But perhaps some of our readers have become interested in the supposed doings of these boys and would like to see accounts of their meetings. If such is the case we shall not disappoint them, for we are secured at no small cost and trouble a faithful account of a meeting held in a village by some small boys known to our companions as stamp lunatics. These boys assemble in some very queer places, and as many of them belong to respectable families they are not suspected of having any malicious intentions when they flock to some ancient hay loft. On this occasion they assembled in the room of Master H. J. Heuser, which is situated directly over the kitchen of his father's residence, and it was reached by climbing a crow flight of stairs which barely escape being named a ladder. The room itself is plainly furnished but yet comfortable, though carpeted with nothing more than a well worn pine flooring. The most important piece of furniture in this room, belonging to Master Heuser, is an ordinary cracker box cleverly fitted up with drawers which contain a variety of Continental and U. S. stamps. This stamp case does duty as a wash stand. When entering the room three boys were engaged matching pennies. In a few moments one of them declared himself "busted" and as others that arrived were in a similar condition, the first two boys suggested that the meeting be called to order. Before this was done the boys received several visitors. It was decided these should get the best seats in the room so they forthwith proceeded to adorn Master Heuser's

bed. Unfortunately this compelled two of the boys to look elsewhere for seats, but they found a board that was placed sideways and which they immediately occupied with more or less comfort.

The meeting was called to order by Master Caldwell. Several letters were read, one from Walter L. Friday Brown, offering to write essays on stamps at 25cts per essay. He was unanimously pronounced a fraud unless he omit the 25cts part of his offer.

J. J. Casey, M. A. (Master of Alcohol) donated a pamphlet entitled "How to mix drinks." This was accepted with a vote of thanks.

A letter was next read from Prof. Casey asking a loan of three dollars. This was profanely referred to the Finance Committee. It was discovered that no such committee existed, and Prof. Casey's letter was then stuck in a spittoon, and no further action taken.

Master Buford read an article entitled "Eccentricities of Philatelists," of which the following is a brief synopsis: J. T. Handford considers nothing so beautiful as the music of "My Grandfather's Clock." E. F. Gambs formerly kept his stock of stamps under a bed. Joe Beifeld once called himself a gentleman. A dealer in Boston now calls himself Trifet instead of De Villers. Messrs. Scott, Coster, Bogert, Bechtel and W. P. Brown have formed themselves into an anti-Casey society, pledging each other to administer ten kicks to the one that should be guilty of speaking to J. J. Casey. A bright little youth here interrupted the speaker by saying: "This should be called common sense instead of eccentricity." Murmurs of approval silenced any reply from Master Heuser, who now sat down thoroughly exhausted by his efforts. One of the youngsters on the board who had evidently become tired of his seat stood up and suggested a discussion as to the merits of Cod fish balls and fried potatoes for a Friday dinner. Before any opinion could be obtained Master Heuser's father came up the ladder and requested the boys to go home and go to bed. A vote of thanks to Master Heuser was passed and the meeting adjourned.

*EXTRACTS FROM MY PRIVATE  
NOTE BOOK.*

[Through the kindness of Mr. Coster we have been permitted to make a few extracts from his celebrated and wonderful Note Book.—*Ed. S. C. R.*

**SPAIN.**—The 12 cuartos orange of the 1857 series was not issued until the spring of 1860.

**WURTEMBERG.**—Of the different varieties created by errors none is rarer than the 3 kr. envelope, red on white paper, containing but one "t" in the word "Wurttemberg."

**BROWN.**—Poor Brown is a failure, in spite of his Dad, who attempted to redeem the family reputation by translating the Bible into Japanese. They say it is frightful the way he got things mixed for those godless Japs. One of the most serious mistakes this good old gentleman made was to get the rules of a game known as "whiskey poker" mixed up among the Ten Commandments. Poor Billy is unlike his father; he has no ambition, and cares not for poker, but bends all his energies to the mastication of tobacco and the collecting of Confederate notes.

**SOLD.**—One of our dealers (I dare not reveal his name) is an honored member of a temperance society, yet he has a habit of sliding out of his place—when the coast is clear—into another place where pretzels and soda-water are the principal attractions. His appetite for these pretzels, &c., had increased to such an extent that I did not believe he could pass this establishment without entering. I told him so, and he made wager that he could. A friend shadowed him, who reports that as my victim neared the establishment he braced up and looked across the street until he had passed the place, then he stopped and exclaimed: "By gad, I've done this so d—d well that I'm going to take a drink on the strength of it." And he turned back and indulged.

**U. S.**—I now possess a choice variety of the one cent envelope, which will make Casey turn green with envy. The rarity consists in the flap containing at least **THREE COATS OF GUM** instead of one coat.

This extraordinary mistake enables me to boast of a variety which Casey does not yet possess; and when I consider that he boasts of 362 varieties of the present three cent envelope, I may say that I possess an extremely valuable specimen.

**DURBIN** may seem pious and stupid, but he is nobody's fool. No one understands better how to do the proper thing at the right moment than Durbin, as the following will prove: During the recent spelling mania he presided over a Sunday school spelling class. It seemed impossible for him to floor the principal spellers (theological students, designing school marms and one pious looking deacon), but finally he cornered all except the deacon by proposing the word "Sancho-Pedro" and that pious individual sat down when "Beziqne" was hurled at him.

**MECKLENBURG - SCHWERIN.**—The envelopes with large print, formerly a choice variety, have lately become quite plentiful.

**LAST WEEK** I took a stroll through the hardest and loudest part of the city, and committed this same indiscretion seven years ago, and for some time thereafter was troubled with serious doses of nightmare, which I attributed to that visit. I was led to this rash act by a desire to see where my esteemed(!) friend Casey had in early life acquired his bad manners and profane language. At last I discovered the place where a proud father revealed the mystery of mixing drinks to a dutiful son. For some unaccountable reason Joseph J. Casey is ashamed of his record as a bartender for his father in the old saloon corner of James and Madison streets. This should not be, for I have been assured that he was a perfect success. Having failed in every other undertaking in his years, even counterfeiting postage stamps, he should promptly return to his legitimate occupation—dispensing rot-gut and low groggery. He will never prove a success elsewhere. But this is not stating how I was foolish enough to walk through this same low neighborhood last week, turned out of Cherry street into James street, anxious to reach the Bowery.

hen near Madison street I saw a long-geed, gaunt and lantern-jawed specimen of humanity, with long hair and broad-brimmed hat—in fact, a second edition of the afore Tilton. As I neared this eccentric individual it proved to be none other than Joseph J. Casey. Not having seen him for several months I was entirely unprepared for this exhibition, and could scarcely refrain from laughing.

#### A POOR AVERAGE.

Some seven or eight years ago a New York stamp dealer, having tried several methods of living, including agriculture and coinology, came to the conclusion that the stamp business was not a field in which it was worth his while to labor, and so, disgusted with mankind in general, and with stamps in particular, he packed his trunk for Yokohama.

Before going he concluded to give the stamp business away; and so he prepared a printed list of the dealers in stamps throughout the U. S., which he published in one of his catalogues. There were about eighteen or twenty dealers mentioned in all, of whom the names of three were prefixed with an asterisk, which he explained in a note indicated that the "marked" dealers were dealers in counterfeits, and unreliable as a matter of course. The others, so he guaranteed and certified, were all good, honest and reliable persons, of whose high moral standing we could not possibly be any doubt.

Seven years have elapsed since that time, and we look at that list of honest dealers again. Out of the list three have been taken from grace, one of whom absconded with a sum of money from his employment but was forgiven and has disappeared. The second, who did the same thing, is now a fugitive, and the third is now in prison for robbing the bank in which he was employed of \$80,000.

Seeing that the counterfeit dealers are still in good health and spirits, we think that is a mighty poor average among the daily honest, reliable dealers, whose value was so positively certified; and we

are afraid that it demonstrates that reliable dealers are not always the angels that fancy paints them, and that perhaps Philately has some demoralizing effects on the moral system of youth that have not yet been fully explained.

#### WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US.

I am well pleased with the *S. C. Review*. Keep on telling us what kind of fellows our stamp dealers are. We want to know.—*R. M. Weston*.

It is a dull, stupid sheet.—*Joseph Beifeld*.

It is quite racy.—*W. P. Brown*.

Your articles are written in a clever and spicy manner. \* \* The entire paper is finely made up.—*James M. Chute*.

It doesn't amount to much. Nobody cares for such a paper.—*J. J. Casey*.

Your paper is immense. Send 20 or 25 copies to me, as I wish to distribute them here. \* \* —*E. F. Gambs*.

Many thanks for the copy of the *Review* received. I hope you will send me all future issues.—*John K. Tiffany*.

Please send me a few copies of the *S. C. Review* for myself and friends.—*Wm. Flint, Manchester, England*.

It is too weak and puerile.—*S. Allen Taylor*.

Your articles are good—spicy—hot.—*L. W. Durbin*.

Your paper is really splendid.—*Henrich Arp, Copenhagen, Denmark*.

I have had a copy of the *S. C. Review* lent me, and I am delighted with it.—*Reginald Hughes, London, England*.

STAMP collectors are greatly indebted to Dr. Horner as author and L. W. Durbin, Esq., as publisher of "U. S. Envelopes." It will prove a valuable work to all collectors, in fact no Philatelic library is complete without it.

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# The Stamp Collector's Review.

J. C. RASMUSSEN, - - - - EDITOR.

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These youngsters often display a seriousness that is really amusing. We can now recall a case where one of them censured another for publishing articles called "The Omnibus Club" in place of

"Stamp twaddle" known to every collector. Now the fact is that all the stuff this silly critic has ever published will not compare with any ten lines of this "Omnibus Club." Fortunately these editors and their papers disappear after a few months never to be thought of again.

When we issued our first number, three years ago, we made no promises whatever but quietly proceeded to issue a fearless, independent and interesting paper. Now our paper is sought after by Philatelists not only in this country but in Canada, England and elsewhere.

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A few of our enemies have threatened us, but let them continue. It costs nothing and they amuse us.

We thank our many friends for their kind words and assure them that we shall in the future, as in the past, fearlessly expose all Philatelic frauds and praise true merit.

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## NEW ISSUES.

[Unless specially requested not to do so we shall append to each announcement the name of our informant, and will kindly accept our grateful thanks.]

**STIGUA.**—Two new values have been added to the present set—2½ pence, claret; 4 pence, blue.

**ELGARIA.**—This unfortunate country has had its troubles increased by the issue of a post card—10 cents, red on buff.

**SHIMERE.**—What the current set lacks in quality will be made up in quantity by the issue of a 4 annas, red; 8 annas, red.

**SYLON.**—A new value has appeared—2½ rupee, brown-violet.

**ORIENTES.**—It is rumored that another "thing" has broke loose—3 centavos, black on white.

**OLD COAST.**—An ½ penny stamp, bistre, and 1½ penny post cards, brown on buff, have been issued.—*P. M.*

**NEWFOUNDLAND.**—Of the new issue announced some time ago the 1, 2 and 3 cents have appeared. The entire set bear a resemblance to the stamps they supersede; even the colors have not been changed.

**NORWAY.**—The local post of Christiania is evidently a success, and the proprietor is so elated that he has now issued a new set of stamps bearing his portrait. They are as follows: 1 ore, black and lilac; 2 ore, black and violet; 4 ore, black and red; 7 ore, black and green; 10 ore black and purple. Post cards: 2 ore, red on white; 4 ore, blue on white.—*L. W. Durbin.*

**ISLAND SETTLEMENTS.**—A new issue will soon be announced.

**SIAM.**—It is reported that the Siamese Government are about to improve the existing postal communications between China and Siam, and that new postage stamps will be issued in Siam.—*Editor Foreign Stamp Collector's Journal.*

**PORTO RICO.**—*The Philatelic Record* mentions the following as the new set for 1880, same type as of Spain, 1878:—

5 cent peseta, sea green	40 cent peseta, lavender
10 " " carmine	50 " " sepia
15 " " red-brown	1 peseta, stone
25 " " ultramarine	

(Col. imp. on white, perf. 14).

**VENEZUELA** appears, as we anticipated, to be about to present us with a new series of postage stamps. We have only seen one value as yet. Upon an oval of solid colour is the head, to left of General Boliver, engraved by a second narrow oval of white. "VENEZUELA" is printed in black letters in a curve above, and "CENTS" in ordinary type, on a scroll beneath the oval. Two square blocks at the bottom corners bear the numerals of value. The remainder of the stamp is filled in with vertical lines:—26 cents, orange-yellow, rect., col. imp. on white, perf. 11½.—*Philatelic Record.*

The Governments of France and Belgium are negotiating about an international postage stamp. Payment of small sums in postage stamps would thereby be rendered possible between the two countries, and an international stamp might be proposed for a reply.

## WYTHEVILLE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Many of our readers will doubtless be pleased to learn that we have arranged to publish the proceedings of this so-called society. Our readers may rest assured, however, that we shall not inflict them with the regular stupid report issued by the so-called society. Under no consideration would we publish this elsewhere than in our advertising columns, a fact which the so-called society fully understands, having on a former occasion sent us a report which was not even printed among our advertisements, because we do not print dead-head matter of any kind.

We have our own correspondent in this village, who will send us a regular monthly report, and let us assure our readers that this report will contain the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

We fear we shall soon be robbed of this pleasant duty, as the slangy young secretary informed our correspondent that the gang were getting tired of this society racket and wanted a new deal. He thought some hobgoblin affair—say a society like the Sons of Malta—would answer the purpose; and it ought to be made very solemn by making all new members swear on a huge book, covered over with rare postage stamps. When it is understood that Master Heuser expects to sell the stamps wherewith to cover this book, it will be seen that there is method in his madness. We were very sorry to hear that this society is thus going to the dogs, as the only other society in the country (Casey's N. Y. society) is composed entirely of this material.

When our correspondent entered the room he found the boys huddled around a small stove. They were lamenting that Messrs. Durbin, Siebeck and others had not of late forwarded new issues to the society. One of the boys stated that this "swag" was divided among them, and, of course, it was a matter of sincere regret that this delightful way of obtaining new stamps had played out.

One of the boys had just suggested that the vice-president call the meeting to order, when the president stepped into the

room. The boys were grieved to notice that this esteemed young gentleman had his throat tied up, and several of them stepped forward and expressed their sympathy, when they discovered that it was nothing more than a collar, which the young gentleman pronounced "the latest agony, sah,—imported from Boston." This collar created such an impression that several of the boys pawned their collections the following day in order to obtain a similar choker.

The meeting was called to order by the president. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read, the secretary read part II of the president's essay on "How to arrange a collection of U. S. stamps." The three most interesting facts this essay contained were: 1. The most satisfactory way of sticking stamps is the hinging system. 2. The most satisfactory way of "sticking" dealers is the "approval" system. 3. It is not advisable to include locals, except those issued by the government, as these so-called stamps are issued by a notorious counterfeiter who now publishes a black-mail sheet in N. Y. city. When Master Heuser had finished reading Master Thomas' essay young Kent arose and moved that a vote of thanks be extended to the president for his able essay. The president blushing seconded this motion, which was put and carried. Master Crocket arose and with great emotion announced that the stamps of China, which the society possessed, were nothing but vile frauds, as the diamond-eyed son-of-a-tea-box who is now explaining the mysteries of the Chinese language to the athletes of Harvard has stated, officially, that the government of China had not yet issued postage stamps. He also stated that he had been requested to announce that "His Royal Nibs," the "Tea Box," would soon issue a work entitled, "How I Washee, Washee." This work would prove of great value to those who had formerly gone to bed while their linen was undergoing a cleansing. Quite a spirited discussion followed these announcements, all of which the president evidently approved, as he nodded at each

speaker. It was discovered, however, that this was due entirely to the fact that the president had fallen asleep. The vice-president then took another chair and finished the business of the meeting. The first duty performed greatly interested the boys; it was as follows: Two stout members stepped forward after adjusting a pair of boxing gloves, and mingled with each other for some minutes—the lad who drew first blood was presented with an unused stamp.

A motion was put to jerk the president out of the arms of Morpheus and send him to his mother. This motion was lost and the meeting adjourned without disturbing the president.

### PERSONAL.

Durbin.—Stamp collectors unanimously pronounce Mr. Durbin's catalogue a splendid work. It is certainly far superior to its predecessor, and that is saying considerable.

Raub.—This enterprising dealer has added a wholesale department to his extensive business.

Taylor.—The many friends of W. B. Taylor will be happy to hear that he has completely recovered from the serious illness which prostrated him for so many weeks.

Rodenberg.—Geo. W. Rodenberg will soon issue another number of his paper. Mr. R. cannot understand why certain parties attempt to publish papers when they do not expect to continue them.

If thus early I am done for,

What on earth was I begun for?

For our part we consider it the only redeeming feature of these little philatelic, blue water sheets, which annoy dealers for a short time, that they don't prove a permanent nuisance.

Digger.—The many friends of David W. Digger, of Newburg, N. Y., will be delighted with the excellent likeness of this Philalex-dealer, to be found in Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, No. 1274. For the benefit of our readers who do not know "Dave" we shall mention that it is

the right hand figure in the lower engraving on page 472.

Brown.—Walter Lee Brown has long acted as a sort of sufiar coating to a hard pill named Casey. This pill has never been a success for the reason that after the sugar coating had disappeared the pill was found to consist of nothing but mud. The most reckless, or suffering, philatelist refuses to try it a second time, therefore it has proved a failure.

Scott & Co.—These enterprising gentlemen will dispose of Mr. J. K. Furlong's large collection of postage and revenue stamps, on the 24th of this month. Mr. Furlong possesses some very choice stamps for which we trust he will obtain satisfactory prices.

Gambs—A few of our readers have, perhaps, heard of a windy young gentleman named Gambs, formerly a small stamp dealer in St. Louis. The painful rumor has reached us that Mr. Gamps' feeble young brain has become deranged through the 13-14-15 puzzle. Should this painful rumor prove true, we shall print a sketch of his life, written by himself. Mr. Gambs has frequently begged us to publish this sketch, but we have reserved it, intending to use it when publishing an article entitled "Philatelic Nonentities." This story, as told in simple language, relates when and where he first put in an appearance on this earth, and how much he disliked a bottle when only a few months old; and now, when eighteen years older, how much he would hate to be out without one. He also tells how, when he was but ten years old he traded his "all" for 300 foreign stamps, and then advertised himself as the largest stamp dealer in the United States. All this, and more of the same kind, makes a somewhat interesting article, which fate may compel us to use in our next issue.

We shall be very glad to exchange with any other philatelic paper. Foreign exchanges are requested to send to this office, not to agents.

This number has been delayed by an accident in the press room.

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During the past ten years that we have been actively connected with Philately, we have watched the career of numerous stamp journals with no small interest, and it has been none the less interesting because these journals invariably failed. Yet many of them were worthy representatives of our hobby, and we believe would still exist had they depended for their support on something a little more certain than the average stamp collector.

It is evident to us that stamp collectors do not sufficiently appreciate even such journals as the *Philatelic Quarterly*, the *American Journal of Philately*, the *Stamp Mercury* and the *Stamp Collector's Magazine*, as all these have failed for want of support, and a similar result awaits our effort if we follow their example. But we propose to avert this apparently inevitable fate by adopting a different course, and that is, we shall not ask collectors for a single penny, although we shall issue this journal monthly, and propose to make it the most interesting stamp journal published.

Yet we intend to distribute it free to all active stamp collectors. In order to be able to do this we must have the support of stamp dealers. In return we promise them a Journal which will at all times consult their interest, advocate their rights and expose all frauds. In plain words

this Journal will be devoted to the interests of stamp dealers.

We have not taken this step without the advice and encouragement of some of the leading dealers in this country, who recognize the superior advantages of a paper of this kind as an advertising medium over the various small subscription papers with an issue of a few hundred copies for two or three months at most.

The fate of this experiment is now in the hands of stamp dealers. If they desire to support a paper devoted to their interests and whose columns they may use at any time, they now have the opportunity.

We learn through the daily papers that England is preparing to issue a postal paper currency of small denominations, and we learn from Mr. Durbin's Journal that "the idea is to issue notes of two shilling sixpence, five shillings, ten shilling and twenty shillings, the two first to be charged one penny each. These notes are to be payable at any savings bank or money order office and will be sold in books as well as singly, so that the necessity of going to a money order office every time money is to be transmitted, and between certain hours of the day, will be avoided."

This idea can scarcely be considered anything but an improvement on our own money order system, an improvement which our postal authorities would do well to copy; but it will not fill a want that we have long felt, viz: a postal currency. When our paper currency was withdrawn from circulation, a severe blow was dealt at all who transact their business through the mail; that this blow was not felt by stamp dealers alone is evident from the fact that some of the leading papers of the country are agitating the question of a postal currency. So far none of them have suggested a plan which, when adopted, would prove a satisfactory solution of this trouble. When we consider how many are affected by this it appears strange that no remedy has been attempted. Is it because we believe a re-issue of

per currency the only satisfactory remedy? If this is the case we understand why no attempt has been made to remedy the evil. It would mean a reopening of the financial question, a thing which both political parties dread. Under these circumstances the only thing we can hope for is such an improvement in our money order system as will enable the public to obtain an order for any small amount—say at a cost of two cents for all orders under one dollar. Let this agitation for a better currency continue and eventually we will obtain favorable legislation on this matter.

### PHILATELIC RAYS OF LIGHT.

*"Truth written with a ray of light  
Is truth made obviously plain."*

I HAVE received so many letters from eminent philatelists, which contain words of praise and encouragement, that I am forced to believe both dealers and collectors appreciate a fearless and entertaining journal. It is needless to say that I appreciate these kind words, for one needs encouragement, even when publishing a philatelic journal which attempts to be fearless. I fear that I may occasionally offend some over sensitive philatelist by being personal, yet this style of journalism has a charm that invariably make the editor a successful journalist.

DR. BILLINGS says:

"Everybody has hard work to please most people as an editor. If he omits anything, he is lazy. If he speaks of things as they are, people get angry. If he glosses over or smooths down the rough spots, he is bribed. If he calls things by their true names, he is unfit for his position. If he bewitches his readers with jokes he is a mulish hog, he is a rattle-head, lacking stability. If he ranges in personalities, he is a blackguard. If he does not, his paper is dull and insipid."

I learn that I have been too personal and too esteemed but over-sensitive philatelist. I now refer to the Hon. Wm. P. Woodruff of Yokohama. Though I have exaggerated, in fact have not even told the truth, yet Dr. Brown chooses to be angry at what I have said. Now, being "billy" gets blue in the face over this. Let me assure him that I have the highest admiration for him as a gentleman when compared to such a nincom-

poop as Joseph Jackass Casey. I consider Mr. Brown almost perfection. Now, "Billy," will this do?

My feelings regarding counterfeiters and their productions have undergone quite a change. I can no longer muster a feeling of contempt for their vile imitations, since their late productions show both skill and genius. Consequently I regard each new Indian monstrosity, Russian local and other stamps of the same standing with great suspicion.

I have had this feeling regarding the so-called stamps of China. Wishing to learn more about them I requested a gentleman from this city, who is still in the east, to make a few inquiries regarding these stamps. My friend considered the learned professor at Harvard, recently imported from China, the best authority, and accordingly called upon him. This gentleman assured my correspondent (1) that the government of China did not issue stamps; (2) that these stamps are not used in China. The only conclusion I can reach is that these so-called stamps are an English swindle, and to make the scheme less transparent a few were put on letters coming from Hong Kong, but these were placed there and post-marked *not by the Chinese officials*, but by parties who were paid to do this.

I also requested my friend to visit F. Trifit and S. Allen Taylor during his stay in Beauville. His instructions were to make a few purchases at each place, really for the purpose of learning what these gentlemen were doing. He informs me that Mr. Trifit's place indicates prosperity, though Mr. Trifit himself looks fully as dried up and sour as of old. My friend experienced a little difficulty in finding Mr. S. Allen Taylor, but after climbing up into a fourth story he found that gentleman's office. After knocking for some time and receiving no reply my friend started down stairs, but had not descended more than twenty steps when some one yelled "Hallo!" Looking back

he found a gentleman had opened the very door he was pounding at a few seconds before. The following humorous conversation then took place:

*Friend*—A queer way you have, letting a man pound your door for five minutes before you open.

*Taylor*—Well, come up and don't talk so cross. Who do you want?

*Friend*—I'm looking for S. Allen Taylor.

*Taylor*—That is my name; what can I do for you?

*Friend*—Tell me why the deuce you couldn't open your door sooner.

*Taylor*—Well, I'll tell you; there are a lot of old bums who make this their loafing place, and I don't want them in here; so I keep my door locked and wait until my visitors get tired knocking, then I peep, and if it's not one of the darn bums, why then I call them back.

Of course this explanation satisfied my friend, who was by this time examining a few stamps. "Those stamps are not genuine," was Mr. Taylor's first remark concerning them. He continued: "I have never sold an imitation and claimed it to be a genuine stamp." Would it not be a good idea for Joseph Jackass Casey to imitate Mr. Taylor's honesty in this matter? If he could be persuaded to do this philatelists might eventually show him a little respect.

CASEY IS NOT ONLY a counterfeiter, but is also an expert in false pretense and confidence games. It is a pity the stamps he obtained in 1876, by false pretenses, were things of no value, for had they been, Casey would have been punished. He has lately tried the same game on the post office authorities at Washington, and obtained an order on the Superintendent Registry Department, N. Y. P. O., for one specimen of each size, color and denomination of the stamped official envelopes used by that department. This was considered such an outrageous cheeky piece of business that some very pious

clerks were known to indulge in profane language on this occasion.

It affords much pleasure to leading collectors and dealers to notice that Walter Lee Brown no longer contributes Casey's dirty little sheet. Mr Brown has long attempted to give respectability to this sheet by connecting his name with it and now that he has convinced himself that all honest collectors detest this fellow we trust he will not again disgrace himself by associating with him.

The following U. S. revenues have appeared: Eagle Card Co., 5 cts.; Hiscox Co., 2 cts.; S. R. Van Duer, 6 cts. John E. Hitherington and W. E. Clark will both issue a 3 cent stamp. These revenues are printed on water-marked paper. Mr. W. Adee will please accept our thanks for the above information.

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This motto is the secret of Mr. Durbin's success, and even now he puts it into practice, as any book agent may discover (to his sorrow) when Mr. Durbin assists him out of his office by means of shoe leather. But we have wandered from our subject, as it was not our intention to give a sketch of Mr. Durbin, but to relate how he obtained part of his collection of rulers.

Mr. Durbin became dissatisfied with the portraits, such as were sold by all dealers, and determined to obtain a set which might call his own. After failing to obtain the desired portraits at the leading book stores in this country he applied directly to the various sovereigns for them. The first to respond was Nicholas, of Montenegro, who desired to be placed directly over the Sultan of Turkey. The next mail brought several letters, among them one from Alfonso, of Spain, containing a photo of himself and one of his daughter, Mrs. Isabella. Another from old

Dizzy Beaconsfield contained a hideous caricature. Out of pure spite Mr. D. copied this and labeled it "Victoria." The next was one from old "Mosqueto," of Japan. This also contained a long, mysterious looking document, which, after vainly endeavoring to find out what it meant, he sold to a "fresh" pawnbroker as the last will and testament of Saint Patrick, of Ireland. This mail also brought a letter from the Sultan of Turkey. The envelope of this was quite an elaborate affair, containing numerous cupids, which Mr. Durbin called "little undressed gods." Mr. Durbin had also written to young Louis Napoleon for a photo of "the late departed." In reply a Mr. Bonaparte, of Baltimore, called upon Mr. Durbin and presented him with the desired photo, and at the same time dispensed so much French "taffy" that Mr. D. felt compelled to say, "Friend, I fear thou dost feed me on wind pudding." There was too much breeze in this for the little Frenchman, so he skipped. The picture of Geo. Washington is nothing more than a copy from some old wood engraving; but as every school boy knows how the dad of our country looks, it is hardly necessary to have a better picture. Judging from the picture of Diaz, of Mexico, he has been troubled with small-pox and a homely face, as well as revolutionists.

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This motto is the secret of Mr. Durbin's success, and even now he puts it into practice, as any book agent may discover (to his sorrow) when Mr. Durbin assists him out of his office by means of shoe leather. But we have wandered from our subject, as it was not our intention to give a sketch of Mr. Durbin, but to relate how he obtained part of his collection of rulers.

Mr. Durbin became dissatisfied with the portraits, such as were sold by all dealers, and determined to obtain a set which he might call his own. After failing to obtain the desired portraits at the leading book stores in this country he applied directly to the various sovereigns for them. The first to respond was Nicholas, of Montenegro, who desired to be placed directly over the Sultan of Turkey. The next mail brought several letters, among them one from Alfonso, of Spain, containing a photo of himself and one of his mother, Mrs. Isabella. Another from old

Dizzy Beaconsfield contained a hideous caricature. Out of pure spite Mr. D. copied this and labeled it "Victoria." The next was one from old "Mosqueto," of Japan. This also contained a long, mysterious looking document, which, after vainly endeavoring to find out what it meant, he sold to a "fresh" pawnbroker as the last will and testament of Saint Patrick, of Ireland. This mail also brought a letter from the Sultan of Turkey. The envelope of this was quite an elaborate affair, containing numerous cupids, which Mr. Durbin called "little undressed gods." Mr. Durbin had also written to young Louis Napoleon for a photo of "the late departed." In reply a Mr. Bonaparte, of Baltimore, called upon Mr. Durbin and presented him with the desired photo, and at the same time dispensed so much French "taffy" that Mr. D. felt compelled to say, "Friend, I fear thou dost feed me on wind pudding." There was too much breeze in this for the little Frenchman, so he skipped. The picture of Geo. Washington is nothing more than a copy from some old wood engraving; but as every school boy knows how the dad of our country looks, it is hardly necessary to have a better picture. Judging from the picture of Diaz, of Mexico, he has been troubled with small-pox and a homely face, as well as revolutionists.

We have now given our readers an idea of the enterprise of this well known dealer; but we may in some future issue tell how the remainder of his seventy portraits of rulers was obtained.

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## NEW ISSUES.

[Unless specially requested, not to do so we shall append to each announcement the name of our informant, who will kindly accept our grateful thanks.]

ANTIGUA.—Two post-cards have been issued, a 2½ pence red-brown, and a 1½ pence brown on buff.

AZORES.—A double 15 reis card has been issued.

BAVARIA.—The shield in the arms on the double 5 pfennig card is now oval, the same as on the single card.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—A 1½ p. red-brown on buff post-card has appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The color of the 2 shillings stamp has been changed from a light yellow-brown to a red brown, and the design of the 1 penny stamp will be altered.

FRENCH COLONIES.—The 25 centimes yellow, of France, has been issued unperforated, for use in the colonies.

LUXEMBURG.—The 1 and 30 centime stamps and the double international card have been issued, perforated.—*L. W. Durbin.*

NORWAY.—Christiansund has sent out a new design, 5 ore black and orange.

PERSIA.—The stamps which are issued with a colored border are 1 kran, brown border; 5 kran, blue border.

PERU.—The 1 centavo stamp is now green, the 2 centavos carmine. All the set are surcharged "Union Postal Universal Peru, Plata," which are sold at the post-offices for gold and not for paper money as formerly.—*Philatelic Monthly.*

PORTUGAL.—A 25 reis blue adhesive, an entirely new design, bearing a resemblance to the present issue of Italy. It is the first time this country employs surface print in the manufacture of its letter stamps.

SWEDEN.—A few sheets of the 20 ore stamps were printed with the value upon the stamp reading "Tretto" instead of "Tjugo." Some of the post-offices were supplied with sheets of the 20 ore stamps bearing this error, from January 1 to February 5; but on this latter date all that remained on hand were called in and destroyed. But few of the errors, in consequence, got into circulation, the 20 ore value being less used than any other, except possibly the 4 ore.—*Philatelic Monthly.*

VENEZUELA.—The set described in our last consists of 5 cent blue, 10 cent red, 25 cent orange, 50 cent brown, 1 bolivar green.

WHENEVER dealers or collectors can supply us with news or items of interest we trust they will not fail to do so. These favors will be appreciated, and returned at the first opportunity.

WE shall be very glad to exchange with any other Philatelic paper. Foreign exchanges are requested to send to this office, not to agents. Subscriptions abroad 35 cts. Send money to agents.

## TWO MEETINGS.

Some of our friends may feel interested in reading the following accounts of meetings held by the managers of the *STAMP COLLECTOR'S REVIEW* and the *Stamp Journal*; therefore we give them place, assuring our readers that they are reports that can be sworn by and sworn at on any day of the week. The sketch regarding the *REVIEW* we print with some reluctance, as it exposes both our sins and secrets; but we trust our friends will not "give us away" to any of the lads or lassies who do not know our true inwardness. The sketch concerning the *Journal* was obtained after much expense and trouble, and describes the inner life of

## THE STAMP JOURNAL,

of which a well known counterfeiter named Joseph Jackass Casey is the so-called editor. This paper is supported by the mistaken charity of a weak-minded Boston lawyer of the "one for a cent" pattern, who, to use his own words, occasionally comes down to New York "to see how the d—d thing is running." Joseph expected his master to pay him this visit, and was therefore flying around to get his affairs into "dacent shape, begorra." This had scarcely been done before the expected "stick" from Beanville arrived. He carried a flashy silk handkerchief in his right hand and in his left hand he clutched what appeared to be a dime novel, but which proved to be a free lunch guide. He was dressed in a huge collar, a pair of English trousers and a small coat. In fact, he was an exact imitation of an English cad, which, by the way, is very appropriate for a weak-brained penny lawyer. His first remark to Casey was, "Joe, your infernal lunch guide is a failure. I've walked three miles and haven't yet had enough to eat." When Casey heard this he turned a beautiful pale, but changed to a bluish hue when he saw his friend trample his lunch guide under foot. His friend continued: "There was no necessity for me to engage in this tramp, as I have the rocks—yes, lots of 'em." With this he took out a handful of coppers and nickels. When

Casey saw these his eyes and even his eyebrows turned green with envy. Added to this his red nose, his face and hair, Joe presented an appearance that can best be described by saying he was brilliantly illuminated. But this all changed (except his nose) to an ashen hue when his friend asked for the monthly statement of the *Journal*. However, he produced one, of which the following is a copy:

STATEMENT.	
<i>Expenses.</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
To printing 100 copies <i>Journal</i> .....	\$6 00
" postage, pound rates, 4 cts. per lb. ....	01
" incidental expenses (ink 5 cts., paper 5 cts., envelopes 10 cts., letter postage 15 cts., ..	35
Total .....	\$6 36
<i>Receipts.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
By advertising .....	\$1 00
(The balance is dead-head.)	
" sale of new issues, donated .....	20
" " two specimen copies .....	50
Total .....	\$2 00

When he ceased reading Casey was compelled to grasp a large table to prevent being blown away by the hurricane of profanity which swept over the room. This is the condition of the paper which cannot boast of a single subscriber, though Scott & Co. gave it credit for having six—but that was about two years ago. It cannot be long before the funds of this weak-brained lawyer will be exhausted, for "a fool and his money are soon parted.

The *STAMP COLLECTOR'S REVIEW* is edited by a collector whose love for stamps and regard for honesty are equaled only by his hate of dishonesty, deceit and all other mean things, as represented in the person of one or two philatelic sharpers and counterfeiters. The editor is assisted by a lad variously known as Bub and Bill, who is a valuable assistant, as his talents are not as commonplace as his name. Bill made the suggestion to hold a meeting to determine the exact profits of the *REVIEW* during the month of March. The suggestion was quickly adopted, and the editor was about to look over his accounts, when Bill exclaimed, "Oh, the deuce, don't you tumble? Can't you catch on?" After giving Bill a look of despair, the editor said: "Bub, I see nothing to grab." Bill then

elucidated: "Call a bond-holders' or debt-holders' meeting, as it were, so to speak, in a measure—make 'em dizzy; catch 'em dead. Call a regular meeting; I nominate you as president—go through all that kind of darn tom-foolery; now do you see?" The editor thought he did, and Bub began business by nominating him as president of the meeting. The editor was compelled to second this, and was elected by the following vote: yeas 2, nays 0. The editor then took the chair, which, by the way, was the only one in the office, and nominated Bub as secretary. Bub promptly seconded this, and elected himself. For want of funds and a darn fool a treasurer was not nominated.

The secretary wasted no time or surplus wind, but immediately got down to business by reading the following

## STATEMENT.

Receipts.	Cr.
By advertisements	\$9 86
do announcements	45
postage for specimen copies	87
three games poker penny ante	1 40
sale of waste paper, including bills, letters filled with "tatty," copies of our more or less esteemed contemporaries	18
catching pennies	15
sale of U. S. stamps and post-cards to English dealers	200
Total	\$211 45
Expenses.	Dr.
Printing 1,000 copies REVIEW	\$8 00
postage	7 50
rental expenses—pens .05, beer .15, five games poker penny ante 1.50, beer .11, envelopes .10, two games freeze-out .40	2 70
Total	\$18 20

A balance the wrong way of \$5.10.

When the president heard this he faint-  
ed. However, he had sufficient control  
over himself to say "damnation" before  
he occurred. The secretary soon revived  
the president with the assistance of  
fresh air and a quart of beer. This blow,  
however, was too severe to permit him to  
continue the meeting, so it adjourned, and  
the president was put to bed with cold wa-  
ter cloths on his feet and stomach.

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Moral—don't publish a stamp paper.

## PERSONAL.

SEEBECK.—Of the various dealers in New York none give greater satisfaction to their patrons than this enterprising gentleman. Mr. Seebeck is the sole agent in the U. S. for the celebrated Universal Stamp Albums, which are now published with guards, thus making it a perfect work in every respect.

TRIFT.—This honest old lemon will have an auction sale of stamps on the 15th and 16th of May, to take place in New York. After the sale his philatelic friends will take him around to view the elephant.

TAYLOR.—OUR esteemed friend W. B. Taylor is about to issue his paper once more, and it will hereafter be known as the *International Philatelist*. We wish it all possible success.

BROWN.—Walter L. Brown honored the late sale with his presence, but has now returned to his studies at the School of Mines. Before doing so he purchased several bottles of "Manhood Restored," believing it necessary to take this after associating with the pedagogue of James St.

STRAUS & HYMAN.—These clever gentlemen are doing an immense business, both wholesale and retail. As they do all that is within their power to please their patrons, and sell at exceedingly low prices, they deserve this success.

HANDFORD.—Owing to a typographical error Mr. Handford's advertisement in our last read "volumes" instead of "varieties," in describing his sets of Norway, Peru, Turkey, &c. The result was Mr. Handford received offers for his "volumes" from various historical societies. He was not able, however, to send anything but the "History of Hussey's Express," which he will also send free to any collector.

PIERCE.—Mr. J. A. Pierce was for a long time the leading stamp dealer in Chicago, and we believe at present the only stamp dealer in that city. Mr. Pierce's large store, on Madison St., is filled with a fine stock of base ball goods, archery and other sporting goods, scrap-books and pictures, stamps, &c. It is, in fact, a boys' paradise.

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Dealers in England and Germany who wish to advertise will oblige by sending their advertisements to either of the above gentlemen, who will also supply dealers with copies of this journal.

DAVENPORT, IOWA, APRIL, 1886.

## PHILATELIC RAYS OF LIGHT.

*"Truth written with a ray of light  
Is truth made obviously plain."*

English philatelists are having their patience tried at the present time by parties who have nothing better to do than to issue stupid little stamp papers. English stamp collectors do not show any more appreciation for good philatelic journals than their American brethren have done, as they failed to support the *Stamp Collector's Magazine*, the *Philatelic Quarterly* and a few other good journals; so they certainly will not waste their time or money on the present breed of papers. I wish to make a few exceptions in favor of the *Foreign Stamp Gazette*, the *Philatelic Record* and the *Foreign Stamp Collectors' Journal*. These are bright, interesting and well conducted papers, and deserve success.

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This is more than can be said for the average stamp paper on this side of the herring pond. When I look over back numbers of the *Postman's Knock*, the *Stamp Collectors' Monthly Gazette*, the *Stamp Mercury*, the *American Journal of Philately* and the *Stamp Collectors' Record* I long for the days gone by. Mr. Durbin still continues to issue his bright little paper. Although five out of eight pages are devoted to advertising his business, yet it is decidedly the best paper we receive, and is in fact the only American paper we receive that is worthy of mention.

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The fact that "man is a queer animal" is once more illustrated in the conduct of

the managing genius of the Mishler Herb Bitters Co., of Lancaster, Pa. This gentleman has apparently abandoned the green meadows and valleys where he formerly gamboled, searching for herbs and weeds wherewith to compound his mysterious decoctions known to the world as Mishler's Herb Bitters and Parker's Worm Syrup, and has entered the revenue stamp business in competition to Messrs. Sterling, Seebeck, Brown and other dealers. He is, however, but a small potato in this collection of philatelic vegetables, as his entire stock consists of but two varieties, which he attempts to sell at almost three times their face value. I can scarcely imagine a change in public feeling toward these so-called quack medicines sufficiently strong to make these so-called quacks exclaim: "My occupation is gone; I must emigrate to the banks of that dreary stream, Philately, and fish for suckers!" This would seem to be the condition of a firm that will resort to such a penny-catching game as the Mishler Herb Bitters Co. are engaged in when soliciting orders for their stamps.

## THE LATE STAMP AUCTION.

The announcement of the sale of Mr. J. K. Eurlong's valuable collection of postage and revenue stamps, on the evening of the 24th of March, attracted about one hundred philatelists, from New York and vicinity, to the spacious auction room of Messrs. Leavitt & Co., Clinton Hall. The audience was superior in many respects to that at former sales, and included many who were not stamp collectors. Among the well known philatelists present we can name Messrs. N. F. Seebeck, Wm. F. Brown, T. J. Handford, E. B. Sterling, W. L. Brown, J. W. Adee, A. Colman and A. W. Fountain. The collection was catalogued by the well known firm of Scott & Company, who were the first to introduce the idea of auction sales in connection with postage stamps, and since their first effort they have disposed of a great many collections in this way, giving satisfaction both to bidders and owners.



At ten minutes to seven o'clock Mr. Scott informed the auctioneer that in ten minutes the "sell" would begin. (Of course he intended to say *sale*.) He also informed the auctioneer that he had engaged a quartette from Sing-Sing, who would sing a hymn before opening the service. The auctioneer protested, saying, "These midnight howlers coming in here to moan will drive every gentleman from the room." So Mr. Scott was compelled to give up this pet idea, and the audience was spared this affliction.

Numerous collectors gathered in little groups or sets about the room. One of these groups was composed of Messrs. Adee, Sterling and Brown, who were discussing revenue stamps and revenue dealers. Mr. Adee remarked that it was a pity that young Weston, when leaving Rochester for Boston, had not stopped off at Syracuse and got salted. Had he done this he would not have been quite so fresh. They all agreed that it was a great pity. Another set was composed of Messrs. Seebeck, Fountain, Handford and others. Mr. Seebeck mentioned that he had been stupid enough to dream of young Harry Jones, and wondered what it meant. Mr. Handford, who is a practical as well as an enterprising gentleman, answered this question by taking a dream book from his pocket and referring to the word monkey, which he said signified malicious but weak enemies. Mr. Seebeck was inclined to believe this was true, as the postmaster of San Domingo had sent him a letter which had been received from Jackass Casey. The moral of this is Casey should not write to gentlemen who know him to be an irresponsible fraud. Master Harry Jones now approached the group. Our excuse for mentioning Harry is that he is slightly known as the editor of a small stamp paper, though he is best known as the boy who fills the ink bottles at his father's office.

The auctioneer had just begun the sale when it was whispered that Casey was coming. All those who knew Casey immediately produced either smelling salts or bottles of disinfectants. The rumor,

however, proved unfounded. During the sale various dealers amused the audience at the way in which they executed bids for collectors who could not attend the sale. Mr. Wm. P. Brown was one of the most prominent of these bidders. When buying a set he would give his name as White; the next moment he would call himself Black, and soon after would call himself Green. Well, he may be all this, but he is generally known as limping Billy Brown.

Messrs. Scott & Co. can be congratulated upon making the sale a success, as the amount realized was something over \$600. The following is a list of a few of the principal stamps, and the prices at which they were sold:

Brazil, 1846, 180 Italic figures, unused, \$4.00. Brazil, 1846, 600 Italic figures, \$2.00. Great Britain, 1846, Mulready 1 p black wrapper, \$1.50. Luzon, 1854, 5 cts. orange, \$5.50. Luzon, 1864, 1 r1. blue, \$3.00. Mauritius, 1863, 1 sh. green, \$1.25. Mexico, 1865, 3 centavos brown, unused, \$2.20. N. Brunswick, Connell essay, 75c. Spain, 1850, 10 r. green, \$1.25. Spain, 1869, 10 Cuartos brown, \$1.65. Switzerland, Neuchatel, 5 cts. \$1.25. U. S., New York, 1845, 3 cts., dark blue, \$1.10. Do., 1843, 3 cts. light blue, \$4.00. Do., 1845, 5 cts., black, 60c. Do., 1851, one cent, blue on pink, carrier's stamp, \$10.00. Brooklyn City Express, dove in center, 2 cts. blue, used, \$2.70. Broadway P. O., locomotive black, \$1.40. Union Square P. O., 1 cent yellow green, \$3.40. Do., 2 cts. pink, \$1.40. McIntyre's City Express Post, \$1.00. Swarts' Rough and Ready Dispatch, red on white, \$2.10. Do., black on blue, \$4.25. Bouton's Rough and Ready Dispatch, black on blue, \$2.20. Brooklyn City Express, 2 cents, carmine, \$1.10. Honour's City Post, 2 cents, paid above, black on blue, type III, \$2.40. Staten Island Express Post, 6 cts. red, same design and color as 3c stamp, \$8.25. Hanford's Pony Express, 2 cts. yellow, \$3.50. City Dispatch Post, head Washington, 2 cts. black on green glazed paper, \$3.30. Do., 3 cts. black on white, on original letter, dated August 4, 1842; this is probably the first stamp issued

in the U. S.; rare; \$1.50. War Dep't, 3 cts., 1875, white official size envelope with Centennial watermark; never before catalogued; \$2.05. U. S. Revenue, \$200, red and green, unperforated, \$5.00. Do., 6 cts. Proprietary, orange, a perfect unused specimen, \$1.20. Do., \$200, red, blue and black, second issue, \$7.25. Dr. J. M. Perl & Co., 6 cts. black, \$2.70. John F. Henry, 2 cts., violet, \$1.05. Do., 4 cts. bistre, \$2.10. J. H. Zeilin & Co., 2 cts. scarlet, perforated, \$1.25. T. W. Marsden, 4 cts. black, \$1.25. P. H. Drake, 2 cts. black, \$3.75. George Tallcott, 2 cts. red on watermarked paper, \$2.00. Akron Match Co., 1 ct. blue, \$1.50. Chicago Match Co., 3 cts. black, \$1.55. P. T. Ives, 8 cts. blue, \$1.25. W. E. Doolittle, 1 ct. blue, \$3.70. Very good collection of genuine postage stamps, containing 1,182 stamps, 50 being unused, \$11.82.

### PHILATELY.

*[From an article by Herbert Camsons, in the Stamp Collectors' Magazine.]*

There is a class of stamps which have puzzled collectors. They are not *bon bon* labels, neither are they intentional forgeries. To this class the celebrated 50 centimes French, which Mount Brown in his preface so unconditionally rejects, one of which is in an English collection, freed a letter from Versailles to England. Then there is the less known 40 centesimi *green* Sardinian, resembling the 1851 issue, and the 10 centesimi blue *provisionne* Parma. These have no just claim to be postage stamps, although their antecedents are unknown. The five shilling hand stamped News, Wales, with its miniature postmark, may perhaps be included in this category. Stamps that are so rare as to preclude the idea of forgery, yet which cannot be proved to have been issued, or even proposed as essays, constitute another separate class. The half-cuna Indian, the 10 cents Dutch Guiana, and the tenpenny Van Dieman's Land, belong to this division of study, which has been productive of much discussion, and hitherto little information, the result being much the same as before it commenced, viz., that those who possess these varieties firmly believe in them,

while those who have them not, as pertinaciously doubt them.

To collect proofs of stamps actually used for postage, seems an orthodox branch of Philately, but the admission of essays, whether qualified (by having been sought by and proposed to any government) or unqualified, is still a moot point, best decided in the negative. Another stumbling block to philatelists is perforation. Till it was found to be indicative of the date of issue, it was voted a necessary evil intended only to facilitate the speedy division of stamps for general use, but on no account to be retained in albums. Now, its real value is almost unanimously acknowledged. Then as to the definition itself. Is perforated or denticulated the correct word? That is, as Lord Dundreary says, what no fellow can understand. When together stamps are certainly perforated, not denticulated. When separate, denticulated, decidedly not perforated. Therefore, a word is still needed which shall comprehend the aggregate and separate state.

The assistance which Philately derives from the study of watermarks has hitherto been very much underrated. Mr. T. W. Kitt was the first who recommended it to English philatelists, but till foreigners set about it in good earnest, it was sadly neglected in England. Mr. Kitt also recommended that stamps be further classified according to the sort of paper on which they are printed. Although the nature of the paper employed is of secondary importance, because it can be so easily imitated, still it is occasionally desirable to note it as decisive of the date of issue, when combined with other tests. In tracing philately from infancy to maturity, it is observable that its capability of exercising the intellect and improving the mind, has been progressively developed, exactly in proportion as it became better understood. Few who have taken it up as a mere toy, perhaps, or as the present writer did, to ascertain if there was anything in it beyond the fashion of a day, could have imagined what ramifications of information and interesting research are connected with it.

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[From an article by Herbert Cramoens, in the *Stamp Collector's Magazine*.]

There is a class of stamps which have puzzled collectors. They are not *bon bon* labels, neither are they intentional forgeries. To this class the celebrated 50 centimes French, which Mount Brown in his preface so unconditionally rejects, one of which is in an English collection, freed a letter from Versailles to England. Then there is the less known 40 centesimi green Sardinian, resembling the 1851 issue, and the 10 centesimi blue provisionne Parma. These have no just claim to be postage stamps, although their antecedents are unknown. The five shilling hand stamped New S. Wales, with its miniature postmark, may perhaps be included in this category. Stamps that are so rare as to preclude the idea of forgery, yet which cannot be proved to have been issued, or even proposed as essays, constitute another separate class. The half-cuna Indian, the 10 cents Dutch Gulana, and the tenpenny Van Dieman's Land, belong to this division of study, which has been productive of much discussion, and hitherto little information, the result being much the same as before it commenced, viz., that those who possess these varieties firmly believe in them,

while those who have them not, as pertinaciously doubt them.

To collect proofs of stamps actually used for postage, seems an orthodox branch of Philately, but the admission of essays whether qualified (by having been sought by and proposed to any government) or unqualified, is still a moot point, best decided in the negative. Another stumbling block to philatelists is perforation. Till now was found to be indicative of the date of issue, it was voted a necessary evil intended only to facilitate the speedy division of stamps for general use, but on no account to be retained in albums. Now, its real value is almost unanimously acknowledged. Then as to the definition itself. Perforated or denticulated the correct word? That is, as Lord Dundreary says, what no fellow can understand. What together stamps are certainly perforated not denticulated. When separate, denticulated, decidedly not perforated. Therefore, a word is still needed which shall comprehend the aggregate and separate state.

The assistance which Philately derives from the study of watermarks has hitherto been very much underrated. Mr. T. W. Kitt was the first who recommended it to English philatelists, but till foreigners took about it in good earnest, it was sadly neglected in England. Mr. Kitt also recommended that stamps be further classified according to the sort of paper on which they are printed. Although the nature of the paper employed is of secondary importance, because it can be so easily imitated, still it is occasionally desirable to note it as decisive of the date of issue when combined with other tests. In tracing philately from infancy to maturity, it is observable that its capability of exercising the intellect and improving the mind, has been progressively developed exactly in proportion as it became better understood. Few who have taken it up as a mere toy, perhaps, or as the preserver did, to ascertain if there was anything in it beyond the fashion of a delusion, could have imagined what ramifications of information and interesting research are connected with it.

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(From the Davenport Democrat.)

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came to the door, smelled the smell, saw the bundle, and kicked it off the steps and slammed the door. The carrier started across with the intention of telling the girl that the bundle was for her employer; but before he reached the walk, the gent himself came to the door, walked down to the carpet sack, knew it contained the skunk he was expecting, and coolly carried it into his barn—while the air all about was rank, and the neighbors wondered what the rain was bringing them.

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## NEW ISSUES.

[Unless specially requested not to do so we shall append to each announcement the name of our informant who will kindly accept our grateful thanks.]

**ARGENTINE**—A 4 centavo newspaper wrapper, blue on buff paper, has been issued. The design is not very pleasing.

**AZORES**—The 25 reis of Portugal, late issue, has been surcharged for use in the Azores.

**BERMUDA**—Two new values have appeared— $\frac{1}{2}$  penny bistre, and 4 pence orange. The design is of the regular British pattern.

**CEYLON**—All the British colonies which have used envelope stamps will soon issue registered stamped envelopes. Ceylon has just issued one of the value of 12 cents, color not yet decided.

**DANISH INDIES**—It is reported that a 50 cent value is in circulation, printed in but one color, mauve.

**GERMAN EMPIRE**—The current stamps are coming out with the final "e" of "pfennige" omitted.—*P. M.*

**GOLD COAST**—The present series has been increased by a 2 pence green, and a 1 penny brown is reported to have been issued.

**HOLLIGOLAND**—A 5 pfennig green card, with a second stamp of the same value impressed on the left corner.—*L. W. Durbin.*

**HONG KONG**—Two provisionals have appeared—5 cts. on 18 cts., and 10 cts. on 12 cts.; also three stamped postal cards—1 cent blue on white, 3 cts. brown on white, and 4 cts. slate on white.

**LIBERIA**—James M. Chute writes us: "A new set of stamps are being prepared for Liberia. My information comes from the Secretary of State of Liberia."

**MADEIRA**—The 25 reis of Portugal, last issue, has been surcharged.

**MEXICO**—The 4 centavos envelope, salmon, with watermark, has been received.

**NEWFOUNDLAND**—Mr. Durbin says: "The 2 cent post card has been altered in style, but the color remains the same."

**NEW SOUTH WALES**—This government is preparing registered envelopes similar to the English, etc.—4 pence, carmine on white. Victoria, etc., will follow.—*James M. Chute.*

**STRAITS SETTLEMENTS**—A provisional has been seen, 10 cts. on 30 cts.—*P. M.*

**UNITED STATES**—We are indebted to Mr. J. W. Adee for a specimen of a newly issued match stamp—Charles Bush, 1 cent black, water-marked paper—design, "rooster" rampant.

**UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA**—A correspondent calls attention to the fact that two varieties exist of the registration stamps of 1876, the letter "R" being found upon a ground of horizontal and also upon one of vertical lines.—*L. W. Durbin.*

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**WYTHEVILLE PHILATELIC SOC'Y.**

Our excuse for not publishing a report of the doings of these boys in our last issue is a very good one: no meeting was held.

It appears the stupid 13-14-15 puzzle reached the village some three or four days before the youngsters hold their monthly meeting, and they became so infatuated with the puzzle that all stamp matters were entirely forgotten. To the more thoughtful it at once became evident that they could not serve both God and Mammon at the same time, and on this occasion old Mammon got the best of the fight. The puzzle also raised "Hob" in some of the best regulated families in the village.

But we must relate the experience of our correspondent. It seems he started for the barn where the boys were going to meet at 8 o'clock, and as it was still deserted at that time he concluded the boys had taken some of the owner's chicken eggs or had disturbed the rest of his wretched roosters when they held their former meeting, and consequently had been warned off the premises by the indignant proprietor. After a fruitless search for the missing kids through various deserted barns and shanties, our correspondent decided to visit their homes and learn if possible what had become of them. He first called at the Thomas mansion, of which the front door is ornamented with the family coat of arms, a Thomas cat. There he found a distracted youth with sunken eyes who handed him a small box of numbered blocks without uttering a word. Our correspondent muttered a few words of condolence and sorrow, and then started for Master Caldwell's residence. His relations with this esteemed family permitted him to enter the house by way of the kitchen. Here he beheld a sight which chilled his blood. Master Caldwell's parents were cooling the feverish head of their darling boy by soaking it in a bucket of cold water, while on the floor close by lay a box of those infernal 13-14-15 blocks.

A visit to Master Heuser's home revealed a slightly different scene. The

young gentleman was sitting in his backyard, puzzle in hand, with such a happy expression mantled o'er his handsome, girlish features that it would almost stand as proof that he had dislocated the backbone of the thing; but a yell of disappointment and the horrid oath which passed his childish lips a second later permitted no such a conclusion. Master Heuser says, "By gad, sah, the 13-14-15 puzzle is like the constitutional amendments—a damned swindle, sah!"

Thus we might continue, but not wishing to keep our readers in an eternal suspense, we will immediately state that the boys had completely recovered by the 7th of May, on which date their meeting was held, and not the slightest evidence remained to show the severe mental strain which they had sustained.

As our correspondent entered the room, Master Heuser arose and stated that a good subject for debate would be—

*Hen-roost.* That a lost hen-roost has more cause to complain than a wandering doughnut.

Master Thomas thought this was too suggestive of the "lost cause," and proposed a discussion on the Fiji females and their stamps. He stated that the he-males were too horridly awful to talk about.

His suggestion was adopted, in spite of Master Heuser's threats. The discussion revealed the fact that the natives indulge in a drink made of moss, herbs, Yankee slug-gut and water, mixed by a process which is also known to produce a good quality of elbow-grease. The decoction is then allowed to ferment. It was stated that the females when under the influence of this decoction invariably surcharged a lot of stamps, and the varieties of surcharging was due entirely to the fact that they did not know top from bottom when in that condition.

Master Caldwell then presented a work entitled "Forged Stamps and How to Detect Them." He stated that as the society had received quite a number of stamps from the late Mr. Casey, this work would prove very useful.

As no new stamps had been received the reading exercises were dispensed with.

The Secretary then arose and read from the REVIEW the only truthful and honest report that has as yet appeared. Several of the largest ears in the room wilted with shame when they heard that the entire thing had been thusly given away.

They then closed the meeting by singing "Over the Hill to the Poor House," and the boys departed, apparently much depressed.

#### PERSONAL.

Lang—Philatelists gained a valuable addition when Mr. C. H. Lang, the well known St. Louis job printer became one of their number. Mr. Lang carries a large stock and is an enterprising gentleman, two things which St. Louis needs very much when thusly combined.

Durbin—Mr. Durbin acknowledged in his last that the stamps of China were merely locals. So all philatelists who collect Russian and Hamburg locals, spool and bung labels, will feel an interest in the stamps of China.

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Bogert—This gentleman, who has heretofore been known as an humble follower of the late Jackass Casey, is about to publish a paper, which we trust will be an honor to philately. We have our fears, however, and justly so, unless our Saviour prevaricated when he said: "By their company ye shall know them."

Jones—Little Harry Jones ought to be told that children should not speak until spoken to; neither should he print answers in his little paper to questions that were never asked.

Bradbury—Stamp dealers are about to lose one of the most genial of their number. Mr. B. has found it impossible to devote sufficient time to his stamp business without neglecting his other affairs, so he proposes to close out his large stock of stamps at whatever prices he can obtain.

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DAVENPORT, IOWA, MAY, 1880.

## A REVIEW OF THE PAST OF J. J. CASEY.

"This is not fulsome flattery;  
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As was anticipated in our last, this person's ignoble and wasted philatelic life has at last been extinguished.

Let us now review his disruptable connection with it, and then forget him and his deeds forever for there is not a redeeming feature in this person or his deeds, as he cannot show any action or deed which is not of the basest description, conceived by a mind of the most ignoble order. This thing, who added insult to injury by attempting to force himself on respectable collectors, is hardly entitled to this space, yet as he stands at the head of a crowd of philatelic sharpers, counterfeiters and frauds we will accord it to him for their sake.

Casey and his relation to philately was similar to that of a bed-bug to a bed; therefore his removal from the field of philately will prove as welcome to honest collectors as the removal of any offensive matter is to every clean person.

It was during the month of March that the oil in his philatelic lamp gave out, because the same thing had occurred to the cash of a misused friend; but it was fully a month later before he published the lie which read "owing to my professional duties I shall be compelled," &c. For fear it is not generally known what his so-called professional duties amount to, let us explain that he is engaged at a small expense to teach little folks how to arrange their A B C's in order to spell cat, dog, &c., and

during the six years that he has been thus employed he has *not advanced a single step.*

We have related in a former number how the subject of this article was raised in the hardest street in New York and of his ambition to become a bar-keeper, which longing his father gratified by placing him in his own groggery, cor. James and Madison Sts., a place which cannot be surpassed for lowness; also related how he was taken from this and placed in the N. Y. Free Academy, a charitable institution, from whence he graduated with the distinguished title of M. A. (Master of Alcohol) given in consideration of the fact that in former days he had been a bar-keeper. Collectors will also remember his connection with Scott & Co., how he was kicked out of their office for counterfeiting. After becoming the laughing-stock of the town in a few libel suits, he undertook to publish a small sheet devoted to blackguarding those who considered themselves too clean and gentlemanly to deal with him. However, his position as a "cheap school-marm" would not permit him to continue even such a cheap and harmless mode of revenge unless some one could be found to foot the bills. He then conceived the idea of robbing in a friend—in other words he fished for a sucker and caught one, and the tact displayed in the operation led to the supposition that in his case a prolonged fish diet had actually resulted in the formation of a little brain; but as the class of New Yorkers to which Casey belongs are supposed to be hard-fisted and thick-headed it is not understood how this small particle of brain was discovered, unless it is that his skull sprung a leak and it oozed out through this unnatural channel.

This is the person who has been denounced in unmistakable language by all leading philatelists; and now that he has realized that he was viewed with the greatest disgust, and has been buried under the contempt of all decent philatelists, let him thus remain, satisfied with the title he has earned as

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## PHILATELIC RAYS OF LIGHT.

"Truth written with a ray of light  
Is truth made obviously plain."

Several collectors have written to me demonstrating that my remarks regarding collectors not giving stamp papers a proper support are unjust. They claim collectors have been swindled so often by these so-called publishers that we should not blame them for refusing to support every paper. To a great extent this is true, and will serve as an excuse for those who do not know the difference between responsible and irresponsible people. But we were finding fault with collectors because they have not supported such papers as were published by Messrs. Scott, Trifitt, Foster and others of equally good standing. Such gentlemen would never defraud collectors.

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A case of swindling that I especially remember, because the swindler was too great a fool to be successful, is that of Ed. L. Howe, of Council Bluffs, Iowa. The *modus operandi* of this party was to send out postal cards soliciting advertisements, and guaranteeing a circulation of ten thousand copies. In a few weeks I received a queer looking thing which was called the *Western Philatelist*. In reply to inquiries I made regarding this so-called paper I was informed that the *Daily Non-Current*, of Council Bluffs had printed five hundred sheets for \$1.50. I next heard that this Howe had printed advertisements without orders, and wanted payment for them. Further inquiries revealed the fact that he was a cigar-maker, about eighteen years old, also a more or less esteemed member of a hook and ladder fire company, as well as the heavy swearer of an amateur baseball club.

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Some years ago stamp collectors had a market for proofs and essays, equal almost to that for postage stamps. At that time many beautiful essays were prepared for collectors that were never seen in the countries where it was supposed they originated, and it was the manufacture of these so-called essays which destroyed all inter-

est for the genuine ones. That this interest for genuine essays is once more reviving is evident from the prices which were obtained for them at the late auction sales.

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For the benefit of those who collect essays and proofs, I will publish a few extracts from a private letter received from John K. Tiffany, Esq. It is due Mr. Tiffany to state that this letter was not intended for publication, but as it contains much that will interest collectors, I could not resist the temptation to share it with them. I hope this will be a sufficient excuse in Mr. Tiffany's estimation to pardon the liberty I have taken. Mr. Tiffany says: "I am in a limited way, and according to certain rules of my own, a collector of proofs and essays, about 1,000 of which ornament my album. I take every essay that shows a different design or change in the design, suggestion for stamp, etc. For example, the 1869 U. S. show smaller figures than those actually issued; the 30 cts. surrender of Burgoyne, originally part of the set, but rejected before issue; 90 cts. head of Washington instead of Lincoln, and the like. But I choose only one of each, rejecting the numerous colors. I try to obtain a plate or die proof of every design adopted, but only keep one color. Had I departed from these rules I should have had at least ten times as many as I now have." Mr. Tiffany, in speaking of the impossibility of preparing a descriptive catalogue of essays, says: "There are no authentic records, apparently, of what proofs were struck or what essays actually were submitted to the governments, and I doubt if any one could give anything like a complete list of the proofs and essays of any one country. I have, myself, quite a number of undoubted genuine proofs of stamps actually issued, that have never been catalogued, and have seen some such in nearly every large collection I have had the pleasure of examining. Then there are many kinds of proofs; for instance, I have a number of very curious printers' proofs—pieces of paper struck all over, often in many different directions, with a stamp or post card. I have the present

post card, or rather a piece of the same card about the size of two post cards, struck all over with the plate in many different directions and on both sides until it is really black—evidently a trial of the plate in the press, or the pressure or ink or something else pertaining to the process. Then I have a piece of green paper about the same size impressed with the stamps of Greece in the same way, and in a different color one side from the other. So the embossed head of the Italian stamps, perhaps forty heads in all sorts of positions. All these are trials of some part of the process of manufacture. Of course no one knows how many of these were made, and they were preserved by mere accident. Then there are die proofs, or proofs struck from the first engraving of the stamp. They show the die often in an unfinished state, and are tests of the work as it progresses. I have the old centre of the New South Wales 'registered' without the frame and the frame in blue without the head, and the square stamp without the lettering; the English penny with the corners blank, one specimen with a large part white in one corner, and the head of the one penny and two pence envelope imperfect, without the curl, etc. These evidently are tests of the engraver's work. Next come proofs in various colors from the die—*strictly essays of colors*. Frequently there are these plate proofs in the original or adopted colors. All these are on various papers—India, card, India mounted on cards, or the adopted paper where a special paper is used for printing stamps. Then there are essays of paper, with impressions of the original dies; and perhaps, if I should stop to think, others, such as proofs made after the stamps became obsolete—not mere reprints, but in all sorts of odd colors. So I really do not see how we are to determine what there is, and certainly no one collection I know of is half complete in these things. A very interesting proof I have is the two cents head of Jackson Confederate, in black on card board. I have never heard of another. \* \* I cannot pretend to mention half the interesting things, and perhaps not the most

interesting, my collection contains. You see I write all this merely from memory, and as the matter occurs to me."

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When sending small sums of money to dealers, send scrip, silver or one cent stamps.

Never trouble dealers by wanting to exchange small lots of common stamps.

Never try to write hyfaluten philatelic articles, as it is a matter you know but little about. But if you do attempt it, always send your stuff to the publisher whom you owe a grudge.

Subscribe for some philatelic journal and thus keep yourself well informed regarding your hobby.

#### NOTES.

The following gentlemen will please accept our thanks for "scraps" and information: T. T. Tress, Walter B. Willcox, Jesse Watkins, Henry Hechler, L. W. Dubin, J. W. Adee and E. B. Sterling.

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## NEW ISSUES.

[Unless specially requested not to do so we shall append to each announcement the name of our informant, who will kindly accept our grateful thanks.]

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC**—The color of the centavo wrapper has been changed to vermilion.

**AZORES**—The P. M. states that the new 10 reis is printed in dark and yellow green.

**CAPE OF GOOD HOPE**—The authorities have amused themselves by surcharging the four pence claret "three pence" in black.

**FRENCH COLONIES**—The 25 centimes yellow of France, unperforated, is said to have been put into use in the Colonies.—L. W. Durbin.

**GREAT BRITAIN**—The  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny wrapper has been changed to brown on white.

**HONG KONG**—We have neglected to note the existence of two provisional cards—3 cents on yellow; 5 cents on blue. Some of the 5 cent white cards are found with the word "three" printed over the numeral 5.—P. M.

**HUNGARY**—A newspaper wrapper, 2 cents, lilac on white, has been issued. The design is of the 1875 issue. *La Timbre Postes* mentions a 5 Kr. blue paper envelope with inscription across the stamp.

**MAURITIUS**—A new postal card has been issued; 6 cents, green on buff.

**QUEENSLAND**—*La Timbre Postes* speaks of a 6 pence green of the late type.

**RUSSIA**—For the benefit of collectors and dealers, especially the latter, the 8 and 10 kopek envelopes have been surcharged "price 7 kop" in red, fancy sign-board style below the stamp.

**SERVIA**—The 10 para, blue on rose, cards, are said to bear the surcharge "Bojeha Posta," signifying that the card is for use in the postal union.—P. M.

**SURINAM**—The 15 cent cards have been surcharged "7 $\frac{1}{2}$  cent" in small black type and unstamped cards are out with a 5 cent adhesive attached.

**UNITED STATES**—Mr. Adee informs us of the issue of a Lawrence and Martin 4 cent black on water marked paper; the design is very handsome.

## NOTES.

As an inducement to subscribe for this paper we will send a set of five unused entire envelopes, including Brazil, Denmark, etc., to the collector who is the first to subscribe on receipt of this paper. To the second a set of six entire postal cards, including Japan, Germany, etc. To the third a 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cent Nova Scotia and a 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cent New Brunswick. Allowance will be made for distance.

The following gentlemen won the prizes offered last month: 1st prize—Mr. J. M.

Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H.; 2d—Mr. F. T. Icenbarger, Delaware, Ohio; 3d—Mr. C. H. Garrett, Ann Arbor, Mich.

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#### WYTHEVILLE PHILATELIC SOC'Y.

The prospects of this society have brightened wonderfully during the past month, owing to the generous conduct of a gentleman who has the misfortune to be related to one of the boys. This gentleman has been in continual fear that his protegee and the rest of the stamp lunatics would at some time find themselves in a dungeon deep, placed there by the strong arm of the law, on account of skirmishing around barns at night time with malicious intent. He stated to our correspondent that it would pain him exceedingly to hear that any of his relations had been poked into such a place, for in his opinion lunatic asylums and not jail buildings, were intended for such ungodly fools. It so happened that this gentleman was studying the geography of the western part of the village one bright morning, when he came across a very dilapidated building, of which the basement or cellar door was ornament with a crude sign, which read:

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It immediately struck him that this would be a good place for the stamp society, so he promptly rented the place and straightway informed the boys of his philanthropic deed. It is needless to say that the boys were "tickled to death" when they heard of the old gentleman's kindness, and they immediately appointed themselves a committee to provide furniture for their new room, while one of the boys, the artist of the society, decorated the door of the new club room in the following manner:

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We need not relate the experience of the boys in their attempts to obtain furniture.

Sufficient to say that no table could be obtained without the reckless expenditure of one dollar. On hearing this the boys unanimously resolved to "ketch on" to a dry goods box which one of them had seen; this was done that very night.

Seats were obtained by making a raid on some loose sidewalk with which they constructed benches. In this manner the boys fitted up their room, which was finished in time to hold their regular meeting on the 7th inst.

The boys were called to order by the President, who stated that the duty of the evening was the discussion of the stamps of Cashmere, after which he would read some extracts from a work he was writing. This announcement was received with cries of "eh" and "good gawd." Master Heuser then attempted to enumerate the shades and varieties of Cashmere stamps, but got badly mixed and sat down. Master Caldwell then arose and stated that the late Mr. Casey had been painlessly delivered of more Indian monstrosities than any other known stamp manufacturing lunatic. At this point a member on the back seats attempted to disturb the meeting with some remarks, but the President promptly brought him to order by throwing an old fruit can at him.

Master Buford next arose and moved that the society dispense with the boxing exercises as a mode of distributing new issues and adopt some civilized method like seven-up or draw-poker. By the present method the prizes were all won by Master Kent because he happened to be the biggest plug ugly in the room. When Master Kent heard this he went into a convulsion fit. We cannot tell whether this was brought on because he was called a plug ugly, when Master Buford doubtless meant a pugilist, or because he was too lose a magnificent way of increasing his collection. Master Buford's motion was unanimously adopted.

Master Caldwell then took the floor and read an article entitled, "Philatelic celebrities; what they look like when they spread themselves on paper. A pen picture of philatelic ink slinging." When Master Caldwell finished reading this article the society adjourned.

A want of space compels us to condense Master Caldwell's elaborate article to the following:

"I believe this is a subject that has never been touched by the various luminaries who shine in the philatelic world, therefore I gladly embrace this opportunity to extinguish myself with a subject which is but slightly known among phi-

latelists. The writings of such philatelists as Messrs. Scott, Seebeck, Durbin and others, is so well-known to philatelist that it needs but a passing notice from me. Mr. Scott's writing is what is known as an English business hand. This should at once settle all insinuations that Mr. Scott is an Irishman. An autographic coroner to whom Mr. Scott's writing was submitted, insists that it denotes firmness and generosity; the latter is noticeable by the amount of ink wasted on his 'm,' showing that his preferences run in the direction of mutton, money, minstrels, etc.

"Mr. Seebeck's writing shows that he was washed ashore from Hamburg; it also indicates that he is in the prime of life and is the very model of honesty, a remarkable thing for a stamp dealer at his age.

"Mr. Handford, one of this world's most innocent and kind-hearted gentlemen, employs a style that is a marvel of recklessness, don't care a darn, land where you please, style of writing, and which defies any autograph dissector.

"New York also possessed a philatelic curiosity and a philatelic monstrosity; the first, a minister's son, is Billy Brown. Neither he or any of his writing could be found, though a diligent search was made through the police records of the city. The philatelic monstrosity is none other than the late J. J. Casey. A visit to the Casey saloon revealed next to nothing. There they were not positive that he could write, but said he was good at drawing—beer, etc. A search among his effects disclosed but one specimen of writing, and that proved to be an unpaid wash-bill.

"One of the best known collectors in the city is J. W. Adee. His lady friends call him a darling and say his letters are too sweet for anything. This is the only description of his handiwork that can be obtained at present. There are other dealers and collectors in New York, but none of sufficient importance to interest collectors.

(To be continued).

#### WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US.

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James M. Chute—The paper is very spicy and amusing.

F. P. Craven—I take great interest in your paper and think you deserve considerable credit for your fearless exposure of Casey and his swindles.

J. J. Casey—Damn the paper.

C. B. Raub—I consider it the best stamp journal published.

E. B. Sterling—Your items are very interesting and I am anxious to secure more of your philatelic humdr.

#### PERSONAL.

Seebeck—Mr. N. F. Seebeck has removed to 97 Wall Street, where he is occasionally mistaken for a banker. This affords him as much pleasure as the fact that he is the only dealer of whom the Universal Stamp Albums can be obtained. An American edition has been published, which is a work that merits the attention of every collector.

Beach—Mr. E. S. Beach has been known for a number of years as an enthusiastic philatelist, and we regret that he intends to break his collection. The method he has adopted is more business like and honorable than the lottery dodge of Mr. Wetly, of St. Paul.

Weston—W. M., better known as "Greeney" when at home, is around once more "shoving" a suspicious lot of revenue curiosities. Where and how they were obtained are questions that none would care to answer, least of all the young gentleman who peddles them, even though he speaks of them as "things that are very rare and which I want to sell badly." In this last he has succeeded, for anything that has his name attached to it is indeed badly "sold," and the fool that buys is worse than "roasted."

Tress—We are indebted to this gentleman and enterprising dealer for some very interesting scraps, one regarding Japan says: "The number of post-offices in 1872 was 1,159, and in 1876 it had risen to 3,640. The number of separate articles which passed through the Japanese post in 1878 was 47,000,000, of which 25,000,000 were letters, 10,000,000 postal cards, and 9,500,000 newspapers.

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*We shall not defraud our readers with any so-called double numbers, but provide each subscriber twelve different copies of the REVIEW.*

## ENTIRE ENVELOPES.

A question which has been frequently discussed by philatelic societies and in philatelic papers, and which is about the only matter regarding philately on which collectors do not perfectly agree, is how to keep entire envelopes. Although our leading collectors all have some way which they pronounce quite satisfactory, yet they cannot agree as to the best method, in fact, acknowledge that it is a question which is difficult to handle. Some keep their envelopes in large envelopes, some in shallow drawers, a few "hinge" them in large scrap books, while others make two cuts the breadth of their envelopes, in the pages of their books, thusly | |, and insert their envelopes. Of the various ways we have seen and heard, none is as satisfactory to us as the method recommended by Mr. Durbin, which is to make a cut in the page of an album the size of an envelope, and insert the flaps of the envelope, which might be gummed down lightly at the back to keep the envelope in place. This method

has been adopted by us and proves to be all that can be desired. An entire set can thus be fastened on one page by simply multiplying the cuts, thusly, ≡≡≡ leaving a space the size of the stamp between each cut and inserting the bottom of the envelope as well as the flap, thus they remain firm, take up but little space and show off a set to great advantage. To many collectors the gathering of entire envelopes is unsatisfactory and objectionable, owing to the many so-called varieties collected by advanced philatelist. This objection is not unreasonable as it is difficult for the average mind to comprehend what relation the various sizes and shapes of envelopes, flaps and gum bear, to philately in its real and true meaning, yet some of our oldest collectors now enter into a minuteness of detail that is almost incomprehensible.

There is no American gentleman for whom we have had greater respect as a philatelist than Mr. E. B. Sterling, yet this gentleman would never be the means of adding to the ranks of collectors, were he to claim as one of the beauties of philately his hobby, as described in a private letter wherein he says: "I made it a point to differ from other collectors to a certain extent, that is, I did not only collect the envelopes as laid down in catalogues, but went further and made a point to collect shades of the same value, both in size, color of paper and stamp, and whatever differed in point of knife, such as round and pointed upper and lower flap, round and square gum, ruled and ungummed paper, etc., all kinds of oddities were my hobby, and not satisfied with what every one had, I tried to secure and with the help of other collectors, studied each envelope. I bought thousands of used envelopes by the pound and spent hours hunting water marks and shades and styles of flaps, measured hundreds of envelopes and found many odd and curious shapes and styles of paper."

On this subject Mr. J. Walter Scott expresses the following choice bit of common sense, in a letter wherein he states that "the fact is when people begin collecting stationery, they get outside of philately as

originally intended, and the further it gets from its original starting place, the number of its votaries will steadily decrease; collecting entire envelopes will never become popular." We perfectly agree with Mr. Scott and whenever any branch of philately becomes what it now is, in the hands of even such earnest collectors as Mr. Sterling, it will rank as an amusement with sawing wood and carrying coal, while its exact commercial value will not be known until it has been determined whether it will equal shavings and kindling wood for usefulness.

### PHILATELIC RAYS OF LIGHT.

*"Truth written with a ray of light  
Is truth made obnoxiously plain."*

Mr. Trifit, in a back number of his paper, had occasion to speak of an auction sale held in New York, and among other things he said, "We missed seeing many of the small collectors. When we say small, we mean collectors who never pay over fifty cents or \$1 for a stamp. To such, auction sales would prove the means of obtaining great bargains. As it is, the cheaper stamps are inevitably bought by dealers at ruinous prices to the owner, and resold over their counters to these same "small" buyers at double and treble what they could have purchased them for at the sale." What Mr. Trifit says is true in every respect, and collectors will find in these sales an opportunity to add treasures to their collections at a price that would cause the most niggardly philatelist to smile with satisfaction.

I never miss an opportunity to bid at these sales, and in order to convince young collectors that bargains can be obtained in this way, I will quote a few of the prices I paid at the last sale, (Mr. Trifit's, May 17 and 18): Modena, 9 B. G., unused, catalogued \$1, paid 85 cents; set Prussian envelopes first issue, entire and unused, catalogued \$4, paid 84 cents; Egypt, first issue, unused, catalogued \$1.65, paid 56 cents, and twelve other lots about equally cheap. Catalogues of these sales can be obtained from any responsible Eastern dealer, who will also execute orders.

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Not long ago I received a letter from a young collector which read, "You sent me a counterfeit U. S. local because you could not sell genuine ones in packets, as used ones are worth over one dollar." I tried to explain to my young and inexperienced friend that his Local was a genuine reprint and no more a counterfeit than his unused Brunswick, Prussia, Saxony, etc. Now for the benefit of collectors who do not know where to obtain these genuine reprints, I will state that the Pomeroy Locals can be obtained from the engraver, Joseph E. Gavit, Esq., Albany, New York; Prince's Portland Express, from J. A. Prince, Esq., Portland, Maine; W. P. Brown has the lithographic stone of the Jenkins Camden Dispatch; Westervelt's Post can be obtained from C. H. Westervelt, Esq., Chester, N. Y. All the Hussey stamp can be obtained of J. T. Handford, Esq., who is connected with that firm. The Boyd stamp can be obtained from Mr. Blackmer, who now carries on the business at No. 1 Park Place, New York. All the above and such as Cheever & Towle, Bouton's, Swart's, Crosby's, Metropolitan P. O., and many others that are undoubtedly genuine originals or reprints, can be obtained at a moderate price from any of the leading dealers.

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The plate of the Providence (R. I.) P. O., is preserved in the State Library at Providence, but cannot be got at for love or money.

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During the past month I had the pleasure of concluding an advertising contract which doubtless excels anything ever before attempted in the way of philatelic advertising. I refer to Messrs. Scott & Company who have favored me with a column advertisement, which is to appear in twelve numbers of the REVIEW. Another matter worthy of mention is the fact that these gentlemen have paid their entire account in advance. This betokens a deserved prosperity and a confidence in the future of this paper which is very gratifying to me.

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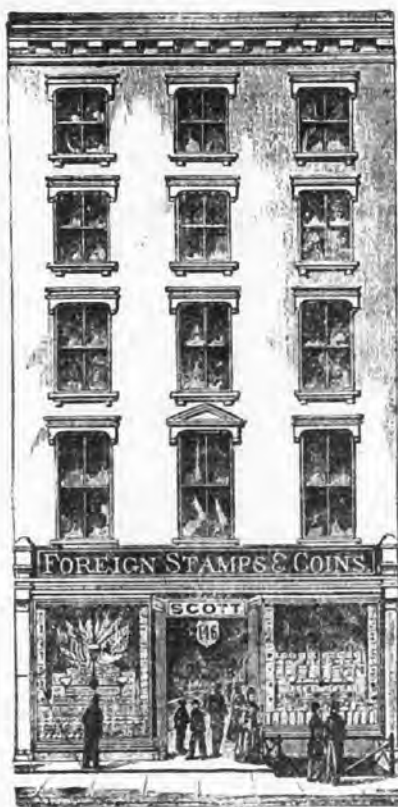
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## NEW ISSUES.

[Unless specially requested not to do so we shall append to each announcement the name of our informant who will kindly accept our grateful thanks.]

**BAHAMAS**—These islands joined the Postal Union on the 1st of July. 1½d and 2½d adhesive are chronicled, and also a 1½d post card of the De La Rue's stereotyped designs.—*P. Gazette.*

**BERMUDA**—A 1½d P. C. has appeared. The card is buff, inscription red.

**BRAZIL**—Cards of the value of 50 and 80 reis are in preparation.

**CEYLON**—The following post cards have appeared: 6 cts., blue on buff; 8 cts., Indian red on buff.

**CUBA**—10 and 15 cent reply cards have been issued.

**CYPRUS**—The following Great Britain stamps have been surcharged "Cyprus: ½d red, 1d red, 2½d claret, 4d green, 6d gray, 1 sh. green.

**CURACOA**—The 12½ cent card has been surcharged 7½ cts.

**DUTCH INDIES**—The 5 cent card has been surcharged for use in the Postal Union.

**DENMARK**—5 ore current issue, with "5" of a different type.—*P. Gazette.*

**EGYPT**—The 5 and 10 para stamps (provisionals) exist unperforated.

**GREECE**—5 and 10 lepta post-cards have appeared.

**GRUQUALAND**—6 pence surcharged with a small black "G."

**HONG KONG**—The P. M. says the color of the 2 cts. has been changed to carmine, and provisionals—10c on 16c yellow and 10c on 24c green—have appeared.

**IRELAND**—Two new cards have appeared, 8 and 10 aur.—*P. M.*

**INDIA**—Official post card, ½ anna, sky-blue, on thin buff card.

**NEVIS**—Have received the 1 penny stamp, same design as the recently issued 2½ pence. The color is lilac.—*L. W. Durbin.*

**PORTUGAL**—The color of the 150 reis is now yellow. The recently issued 25 reis has given place to one of another design, lilac. Also a 5 reis black, latest design. These are also surcharged Azores and Madeira. We learn this from the P. M.

**QUEENSLAND**—The 1d has been surcharged ½ penny, and a 2 shilling blue of the old type has appeared.

**SERVIA**—A new set is in preparation.

**SIRMOOR**—The printer of these things now smears his plate with blue ink.

**STRAITS SETTLEMENTS**—The 30 cts. has been surcharged "10" and "10 cents."

**TRINIDAD**—Registered envelopes are in use, various sizes, from a flour bag down.

## A FEW FACTS.

We doubt if there is a philatelist who has not at one time or other been informed by some nincompoop who knows nothing about stamp collecting, that philately is boys' play. Some may feel as the nincompoops do and decide that they are either silly boys or old fools. To them it never occurs that governments and royalty, generals and statesmen, bankers and business men, all are among the devotees of philately.

Perhaps we are a little too enthusiastic and perhaps it is true that for every Doctor of Divinity there are ten of profanity among stamp collectors, and some mean critic may claim a proportionate balance against us among the distinguished named above, or even worse, but we are not going to be bluffed by any cuss of a critic. Do not all governments own fine collections of stamps? Does not the Prince of Thurn own a collection, which, to use the language of the day, "takes the cake?" Does not the General of the U. S. army "stay in" when stamps are on the boards, and is not Baron Rothschild the "high-muck-a-muck" of a French stamp society? Are not the merchants who are looney on stamps too numerous to mention, and is not the Rev. Brisco Earee "one of the boys" when it comes to stamps? And are not the doctors properly represented by Billy Brown, of Yokohama? Yes. But hold, perhaps there are collectors who do not know that *our* Billy Brown is or was an M. D. Yet such is the case, and for the benefit of those who have not known this, we shall relate a little unpublished history of former years:

One pleasant summer day Brown and Durbin sat in a neat, inviting New York beer saloon. Durbin, always looking after the welfare of mankind, said, "well, Billy, wee gates." Billy was engaged the next twenty minutes relating his woes, such as "stamp biz isn't worth a d—, and I'm a fool for staying in it," etc., etc. Durbin with a smile of sympathy, reaching to the bar-keeper, who, much to Durbin's embarrassment, mistook it for a call for two beers, said, "Billy, why not get one

of our Philadelphia certificates and practice medicine?" "Practice on who." "Your victims, of course, that's what they all do." Durbin then rushed out to catch an up-town car. Brown remained to think, and ordered a glass of beer to assist him, and another. This last made things beautifully clear to him.

About ten days later Billy might have been seen in a remote part of the city tacking up a modest tin plate, inscribed

## DOCTOR BROWN.

Office hours—9 to 10 a. m.; 3 to 4 p. m.

How much damage was done to mankind in these few hours it is impossible to tell. It is needless to say that Billy knows no more about medicine than a jackass does about its grandfather, consequently his mode of treatment was original and at times almost novel. For instance, Billy received a visit from a consumptive gentleman who had just returned from the mountains, where, he said, the air proved too pure for his lungs. Billy slipped into the holy of holies, his private office, and studied several patent medicine almanacs long and carefully, but was somewhat puzzled not to find a similar case described, but he soon came out smiling and requested his victim to call for a package the following day. This man was the first to arrive the next morning, and was handed a package said to contain a chest protector, paid three dollars and received the assurance that it would fix the fresh air. Had this gentleman possessed a smeller worth a cent, Billy would also have been fixed. As it was, the man was thrown out of his boarding house three times before it was discovered that Dr. Brown had sewn a quantity of Limberger cheese in the chest-protector. Soon after this incident the Doctor suspended hostilities and removed to Japan.

Many are the stories we could tell of this original, bright and novel genius, but we do not wish to use up material so precious, when Billy, dear Billy, is to be immortalized through an obituary notice, an event which, we trust—for his creditor's sake—fate will kindly postpone indefinitely.

## CRITICISING K. S'. REMARKS.

Some one who is known to himself as K. S. has seen fit to offer philatelists some advice, but which—if he will pardon us for saying so—we must pronounce very poor advice. He has seen fit to select the columns of the C. Q. as a suitable channel through which to filter his rot (for such it is) on the heads of astonished stamp collectors. K. S. is not the only one who inflicts us with his rot and rubbish, there is a young fool somewhere in Canada named Burgess who does the same thing. Then there is another one in New York named F. A. Jones who also gobbles articles from old papers, occasionally changing them a little, and of course botching them whenever he attempts it. This is K. S.'s first offense, and as he evidently does not mean any harm, we shall overlook this "break." He says "philately is divided, or should be." He means some should collect nothing but envelopes, others post cards, others adhesives, etc. K. S. ought to remember that philately means the collecting of everything that represents a postal tax. He fears that unless thus divided into branches there will be too much to collect. Yet he advocates the collecting of the many varieties of paper, etc. It was not the intention of the original collectors of postage stamps to collect specimens of stationery, water marks and printers inks. They collected *one specimen from each plate of each series*. If there is a fear of stamp collecting becoming obnoxious on account of its many specimens, why not reject this late idea. Does not K. S. know that this idea of a dozen specimens of one type originated in the skulls of men of the calibre of Charley Coster, who desired to become noted for their *oddities*, and dealers encouraged these fools, for did they not thereby sell twelve specimens of one type instead of one? K. S. gently trots along through his rot and mush but soon makes a break and this time a serious one, for he says, "have you ever paused and cast your eye down the dim outline of the future?" No; never, never, dear boy, could you persuade us to go even one eye on such a game, for you know there are no centres to hit in dim outlines.

He next makes the appalling discovery that "stamps, etc., are constantly increasing, while there is no diminishing." Really, now, that is too bad, for how nice it would be if the varieties of stamps which we now attempt to collect would only decrease a few thousand in the next five years. The idea is perfectly charming, but we fear it is impossible. If K. S. could only bring this about, stamp collecting would soon come down to a "fine thing." The next sentence is apt to make the average collector feel nervous, unless K. S. will assure us that he was only joking, but we dare not hope this for there is something so ominous in his manner as he braces himself up to say, "sir, five years more will wreck you and your collections upon the sands of time." Now, the fact is that rather than get wrecked upon some old sand-bar, we shall desert the ship and turn our attention to something less dangerous. To those who propose to "stick it out" in spite of wrecks and sand-bars, it is cheering to know that their collections will be with them, and if two should be spilled out together on the fatal spot, would it not be fortunate if they possessed the necessary implements to engage in draw-poker, euchre, etc., to kill time until they hear from their mother. Of course this is merely a suggestion and it is with some diffidence that we offer it to one of such overpowering intelligence as K. S. When K. S. again gets down to stamps he says, "the U. S. envelopes alone furnish a sufficient number of varieties in size, knife, paper," etc. Yes, indeed; and if you don't believe it ask Brother Sterling, of Trenton, he tried it, got sick and sold out at about two cents per pound—but we must desist ere we get sick.

MR. C. C. COLLINS has favored us with two postal cards which he sent around the world. They were both sent from Columbus, Ohio; one via San Francisco, which made the trip in 113 days; while the other via New York, required 119 days.

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## CRITICAL.

Among what may be termed the oddities of philately is the so-called criticism of the philatelic amateur press. To old and experienced philatelists this has often proven the only readable matter in these small papers, readable only on account of stupid absurdity. We shall treat our readers to a specimen of this criticism (?), and, as it concerns us, they can better appreciate the joke, and, besides, we can best show our contempt for this silly scribbler by reproducing his article:

THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S REVIEW.—We regret that beyond saying that this paper is well printed and carefully edited, we cannot praise it much. To tell the plain truth the bulk of the April number is purely and simply *low abuse*, and we must tell our friend that if he wishes to gain the attention of English philatelists, he must furnish matter of a very different class. The number is full of *slang* and epithets which prove nothing except the writer's marvellous command of the Whitechapel vocabulary. No doubt the person attacked *may* be a rascal, but the fact of his having a rubicund nose, and hair of the color which fond mothers call "auburn," is scarcely a proof of villainy. Many a man and woman of unprepossessing countenance has a most noble soul.

We need hardly say that the above was written by a friend of the late J. J. Casey and appeared in the *Foreign Stamp Collec-*

*tor's Journal*, an English paper 5x7 inches in size, edited by a Mr. T. W. Chevely, lately discovered. Now let us see what his twaddle concerning us amounts to. He says that the paper is carefully edited yet he cannot praise it. To say that a paper is carefully edited is certainly all the praise that any editor can desire, so what does he mean? This and what follows is so ludicrously inconsistent and such extremely bad English, that we are forced to consider Mr. Chevely an uneducated "Frenchman from Cork." He says the bulk of the April number is simply low abuse. This he says three months after receiving the REVIEW, why not before. It appears to us that he is terribly slow, perhaps he is naturally so and for this reason has not yet mastered common English, and therefore does not know the difference between truth fearlessly spoken and low abuse. The article which has troubled him so for three months is that describing the meeting between Casey and his friend Mr. Vanderslip. It also describes an English cad. Perhaps he considered this too personal—we are sorry but cannot help it now.

Now, regarding the objectionable article let us say to Mr. Chevely that we do not portray this class of Americanism for his benefit, for he can no more understand it than he can *correctly* imitate the manners of west end gentlemen. He says Casey may be a rascal, but, &c. This is good, and will be enjoyed by American collectors who know Casey as a counterfeiter and a dirty, unprincipled fellow, who has never risen above the slums from which he sprung, a depth of degradation that is as much below St. Giles or Billingsgate as these are lower than Belgravia or St. James. Our critic (?) also says "many a man and woman of unprepossessing countenance has a most noble soul." True, but who was ever idiotic enough to imagine Casey possessed of such an article as a noble soul.

Now, Mr. Chevely, try once more. As the editor of a paper which is a perpetual insult to the intelligence of an idiot, you are a success, but otherwise a failure. Hereafter find out what you are talking about before you make an ass of yourself again, even for the sake of a friend.

## PHILATELIC RAYS OF LIGHT.

*"Truth written with a ray of light,  
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Collectors may look for an increase in the price of European stamps, as the governments belonging to the Postal Union have decided that stamps can be mailed only at letter rates. In consequence of this a package that formerly required one dollar's worth of postage, now requires ten dollar's worth. It is still worse to order them per express. I have tried this and was startled with the result. The best I could do after considerable "jeweling" was as follows:

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It is needless to say that I whistled, next grew profane, and then ordered the stamps returned.

I have noticed a number of papers use the word "Beifeldism" when speaking of something that is fearfully low and bad. This is quite right. I coined the word some years ago, after vainly attempting to find a word that would describe all the sins of Joe Beifield.

A laughable incident in Beifield's career was his attack on Casey, whom he called a counterfeiter, thief, etc. Casey retaliated by calling him a blackmailer, fraud, etc. A simple case of the pot calling the kettle black. Thank heaven philately is no longer disgraced by either of these low wretches.

Varieties are very well for those who have the time and money to expend upon them, but I think that the collection of varieties pushed to extremes and declared compulsory, is more likely to destroy stamp collecting than to foster it.—*Dudley Atlee.*

A few subscribers have requested me to criticise my more or less esteemed contemporaries. I regret that I must refuse to do this for the simple reason that I consider it a waste of time and space to do so, as a great majority of stamp papers are not

worthy of a moment's notice, but were I to notice philatelic papers, it would be something after this style: A great many papers have been received during the last three months. Of these there are but three worthy of mention—the *Philatelic Quarterly*, *The Stamp Collector*, and *The Philatelic Monthly*. This last is decidedly the best American paper we receive. None of the others are of sufficient importance to warrant us in taking the space necessary to mention each as a failure or a nuisance. Walter Morley will soon publish a paper devoted to dealers, and for which no collectors are allowed to subscribe. The idea is a novel one, and if success is possible Mr. Morley is the one to achieve it.

## A WHITE ELEPHANT.

As an inducement to subscribe to THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S REVIEW, the publisher offers, among other things, "A choice Mexican (eagle green)." Now, we think, one would hesitate before subscribing, when the certainty is before him of receiving also an able-bodied "Greaser;" for Rasmussen is a man of his word, and if he says a "choice Mexican" will be given, then a descendant of Montezuma will go whether or not. We have seen red, yellow and white men. We remember that it is said of a certain race, "Some were black, some were blacker, some were the color of a chaw of tobacco;" but history is silent upon an eagle-green man, and we are tempted to subscribe for THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S REVIEW just to see what he looks like. But then we would be like the man with the white elephant on his hands, and we refrain.—*Philatelic Monthly.*

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# The Stamp Collector's Review.

A Monthly Journal Devoted to the Interests of Stamp Dealers.

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## NEW ISSUES.

[Unless specially requested not to do so we shall append to each announcement the name of our informant who will kindly accept our grateful thanks.]

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC**—We have seen all three of the provisionals of 1877 with the surcharged numeral reversed—*Durbin's Monthly*.

**AUSTRIA**—A single 5 Kr. card and double 2 and 5 Kr. cards have been issued in five languages; 5 soldi postal union cards, single and double, have been issued for Austria-Italy.

**BAHAMAS**—According to the P. W. 5 and 10 shillings adhesive stamps and a 4 penny envelope will soon be issued.

**BELGIUM**—A double 5 centime card, green on buff is in use.—*P. Monthly*.

**CAPE OF GOOD HOPE**—The lately issued 3 penny stamp has been surcharged with the numeral 3.

**CEYLON**—The 4 cent stamp is now printed in claret.

**DECCAN**—Le Timbre Poste announces a 5 annas bistre, envelope.

**EGYPT**—A correspondent has sent Mr. Durbin specimens of the 5 para and 1 piastre stamps, surcharged *Dopo la Partenza*, signifying "Too Late."

**FRANCE**—The 3 centimes is now printed in gray instead of yellow.

**GAMBIA**—The following values have been issued:  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny, orange; 1 penny, maroon; 2 pence, rose; 3 pence, blue; 1 shilling, color unknown. The full set is now issued perforated. A  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pence slate on buff card has also been issued.

**ENGLAND**—Mr. W. Morley writes that a new  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny, green, has appeared, and the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  blue has been surcharged 5 d in black; the 4 d is now printed slate.

**HONG KONG**—The following varieties have appeared: Five cents on 8 cents, orange; 10 cents on 48 cents, rose. The 16 cents is printed blue and the 48 brown.

**MEXICO**—A  $\frac{1}{4}$  centavo orange, adhesive of the 1874, is now in use.

**NEVIS**—The P. G. speaks of a provisional 1 penny on the new  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pence.

**PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**—According to the P. R. an 8 cent red-brown has appeared.

**PERU**—A 1 cent brown unpaid letter stamp has appeared.

**QUEENSLAND**—A 2 shilling and 6 pence, red, of the old type, and 1 shilling of the new type have appeared.

**TOLIMA**—Two new values are out; 50 cents, green; 1 peso, red.

**URUGUAY**—Postal union cards, 2 c, carmine; 3 c, green.—P. W. 5c envelopes and 1c newspaper wrapper surcharged "Tierra de Hora."—P. M.

**NOTES.**—As an inducement to subscribe for this paper we will send a 1 Peso vermilion U. S. Columbia 1865 issue to the collector who is the first to subscribe on receipt of this paper. To the second a set of 8 varieties Argentine Republic 1867 issue. To the third, 25 different philatelic papers, including a J. of Philately.

The following gentlemen won the last prizes: 1st, J. A. Koch, Pittsburgh; 2d, W. Searlett, Philadelphia; 3d, F. C. Nixon, Toulon.

Mr. Zechmeyer has paid his account.

## PERSONAL.



**CASEY.**—Our numerous readers will appreciate our enterprise in obtaining the above excellent likeness of the late J. J. Casey.

**STRAUS.**—The firm of Straus & Hyman has dissolved. Mr. Straus will continue the business. His popularity among collectors ensures him a fine trade.

**SEEBECK.**—Mr. Seebeck issues the most attractive set of circulars we have seen.

**MORLEY.**—The Stamp Dealers' Gazette is a poor affair. Its contents indicate that it is published by a young gentleman of limited experience.

**HANDFORD.**—Mr. J. T. Handford is about to issue a directory which will contain 1,000 names. Collectors who order a copy will have their names inserted free. Mr. Handford's name is a guarantee of its publication and excellence.

**GAMBS.**—E. F. Gambs, of St. Louis, has issued a very attractive number of the St. Louis Philatelist, and his coin catalogue is the best we have seen. Mr. G. insinuates that he received 1,000,000 letters last year. This is something over 2,500 per day. We always thought "Limburgher" Gambs could out-lie all the other dealers in the country; we are sure of it now.

**NEWS.**—Mr. J. W. Adee informs us that since Oct. 15th the government prints all of its revenue stamps. These stamps were formerly printed by the National Bank Note Co. Mr. Adee also writes that Roeber Loehr & National Match Co. have sold out to Swift, Courtney & Beecher Co.

## OPINIONS.

What a few of our new subscribers think:

Washington, D. C.,

I like it better than any paper I have yet seen.

H. T. DEMPSTER.

Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

I am very much pleased with your paper and shall look for the next issue impatiently.

F. ROBBINS.

Lake Village, N. H.,

I have but one fault to find with the REVIEW—it does not come often enough. I wish you would publish it weekly.

J. M. HUBBARD.

Syracuse, N. Y.,

I received the S. C. R. a few days ago and after carefully perusing its contents have come to the conclusion that it is just what I have long wanted—a good, truthful, impartial and independent journal of philately.

W. H. RAPP.

[A British opinion.]

Edmunds, England,

\* \* \* Please bear in mind that what was said by Mr. Cheveley about your paper was not said by me, as I think a spicy and fearless paper like yours deserves all the encouragement that dealers can possibly give it.

C. H. NUNN,

Proprietor of Foreign Stamp Collectors Journal.

We have several hundred letters of the above style. Some day we will give our readers the entire dose—just for a joke.

## THE SAME BROWN.

Some of our readers have become interested in Billy Brown, and ask for further particulars concerning this philatelic curiosity. They doubtless appreciate the fact that Billy is a remarkable character, the very model of honesty and cheek, two excellent qualities well combined; but we need not enumerate Billy's traits. We need only say that he is a minister's son—this explains much. Our admiration for Billy was always great, but it has been vastly increased since we were told of the following soliloquy which was overheard by a collector, whom for convenience sake we will call Mr. "C." It seems Mr. "C." called on Billy to obtain some choice stamps at cheap prices, or cheap stamps at choice prices, we have forgotten exactly which. However he called, and as he opened Billy's door he beheld our friend standing with book in hand before a 35-cent mirror examining himself. Mr. "C." then played the part of an eavesdropper,

and he swears he overheard the following remarks:

"Now, I'm not so bad looking, even if Wilson did say he came up here and looked at me instead of buying a lemon whenever he got bilious. My ears are not so fearfully large but its unlucky they stick out so. Then I've got a respectable sized mouth. I wonder what it says about mouths, (looking at book) smooth lips. I've got 'em. Treacherous in friendship; whew! Gad, that's what a good many said of me after treating Allen Taylor the way I did in my catalogue. Now, my head is not large; this book says meagre and scrimped features denotes a little minded disposition—that's English for small potatoes—unable to take a broad or generous view of anything. Why, d—n this book! Now, my eyes are good eyes, even if they are small. Let's see; this book says small eyes denote calculation and cunning. I wonder if I am cunning and cute. My aunt once said so, but dad shut her up by saying damned nonsense; preachers only swear when in earnest."

This charming simplicity was too much for "C's" risibilities, and a smothered laugh betrayed him. Of course Billy felt embarrassed for a moment, but a moment only; then he begged "C" to enter, and by way of bribing him not to mention this little affair he presented him with one of his private stamps.

Perhaps many of our readers are not aware that Billy attempts, in a small way, to do a city post business after the style of the Boyds and Husseys. This is how he came to have a stamp of his own, and as most of our readers have doubtless never seen it, we shall attempt a description. They are unperforated, red on light green paper. "CITY POST" above and "ONE CENT" below a centre band, around which is the inscription "3 limps to the postoffice." Within the centre band is a cut representing a man struggling with a wheelbarrow full of bricks and a devil who seizes the man by his collar and pantaloons. What would follow might furnish food for imagination did not Billy come to the front and explain all in the following manner:

One evening after going the round of the free-lunch saloons, he retired well filled

with indigestible food and sour beer. He dreamt that he died and a sort of bed-sheet looking individual transported him to a strange land where he with many others underwent an examination, made with a view to giving each a position best suited to their talents; some were appointed teachers, others superintendents of various departments, others were given clerkships. Billy was conducted to a wheelbarrow and a brick pile and told to "pitch in." He says it was harder work than climbing up to his office, and after the second load he, poor fellow, became exhausted. Then the devil grabbed him and "oh, he did hurt me so awfully," were Billy's words when relating the story, and we were quite willing to believe him, after learning that each hand was nothing more or less than a pitchfork.

Just then Billy woke up weak and covered with perspiration. He soon discovered that he was resting on a pin cushion; this doubtless accounted for the pitchfork part of his nightmare, but his agony had been so intense that he feared to sleep again that night.

This is what Billy seeks to commemorate by means of a stamp. It will also do missionary work as a warning against bad lunches and sour beer and serve to remind collectors that they are indebted to Billy for introducing the devil into philately. This individual appears to feel an interest for all earthly matters and with the assistance of Billy has found his way into our albums; we imagine that on account of this deed, many philatelists will believe that Billy Brown and Judas Iscariot will become bosom friends when they meet hereafter.

Messrs. Stanley, Gibbons & Co. have just issued a postage stamp catalogue which contains 1,511 illustrations, including several of the class of stamps to which the Dutch Gulana of 1861 belongs, cuts that have heretofore only appeared in the most elaborate works. The descriptive portion of the catalogue is exceptionally good, giving the varieties of large and small perforations, thick and thin paper varieties, &c. In fact, after a very careful examination, we unhesitatingly pronounce it a perfect work.

## PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

Doubtless all stamp collectors have read the proceedings of the different philatelic societies, which appear from time to time in the various stamp journals. Not a few have wondered what these societies and their meetings really amount to. For such this article will have an especial interest.

It does not seem reasonable that any number of sensible persons can be found who will waste their time and money on anything so frivolous and out of date as a stamp society of the present day, and therefore level-headed persons are not one of their number. Fifteen years ago Philatelic matters were in quite a different shape, for stamp collecting was then in that stage of infancy where no name has yet been bestowed, and it was not without the family quarrel which usually accompanies such occasions that the name Philately was finally adopted.

When this troublesome matter was disposed of collectors began more earnestly to inquire into the antecedents and history of this latest hobby, and it was to better accomplish this task that philatelic societies were created. The idea was first suggested in England; but Johnny Bull, with characteristic slowness, discussed the matter for several years before any definite action was taken. But on the 12th of April, 1869, the leading collectors in London and vicinity organized the Philatelic Society of London. A fair idea of the object of this society can be gained from the following:

**RULE 2D.** The object of this society is to collect all possible information respecting postage stamps, the prevention of forgeries, the facilitating and spreading of the knowledge of philately, and the facilitating the acquisition and exchange of postage stamps among members.

This society flourished for a number of years, but at last, after the novelty of the thing had disappeared and the most respected of its members had withdrawn, the society degenerated into a sort of free-and-easy, where 'alf-and-'alf and dog-nose received far more attention than postage stamps. This society expired in 1874, and the present London society is but a sickly imitation of the one organized by

Sir Daniel Cooper. What excuse the present society has for existing, except as a social club, would be difficult to conceive; yet their pretensions are philatelic, judging from the fact that they discovered 3,000 (more or less) varieties of a certain Japanese stamp, and have made numerous other discoveries that are similar, but which may all be traced to excessive draughts of bitter beer.

The present French society was organized in 1874, and is composed of a few wealthy gentlemen, Baron Rothschild among the number; but the majority are lickspittles and hamfatters, who go there to bask in the sunshine of wealth and nobility and partake of the leavings of Strassburg pies and similar delicacies.

The society of Dresden was organized in 1873, and is a sort of

**MUTUAL ADMIRATION philatelic SOCIETY,** which has done much good in its day, but has outlived its usefulness—a remark that can be applied to all philatelic societies, for they have accomplished their work, as the many elaborate books and catalogues will testify, and therefore the necessity which called them into being no longer exists.

To the philatelists of the United States belongs the credit of organizing the first philatelic society in the world—the New York society—which was organized in December, 1867, and after a somewhat checkered existence of a few years expired in a quiet and sensible manner. An attempt was made in June, 1874, to resuscitate this society, and the following interesting programme commemorative of the occasion was published in the *Timbrophilist* of September, 1874:

**PROGRAMME OF THE INAUGURATIVE ENTERTAINMENT OF THE N. Y. P. S.**

The exercises will commence with a grand procession to Kreutzer's Lager Beer Hall, (5 minutes for refreshments.)

Religious exercises, Dr. Petrie.

High Dutch Philatelics, by Nick Seebuck.

Lecture on the Hydrostatic Benefits of Fourth Ward Philately, by Rev. Mr. Casey, D. D.

Evolutions on the tight rope by Mr. Mason, of Brooklyn.

Promenade to the Bar, all hands.

Remarks on Euchre and Bankruptcy, by Mr. De-Villiers, of Cayenne.

Japanese Song and Jig, Wm. Brown, of Yokohama.

Pocket-picking, with illustrations, Mr. Wurtele, of the Dominion of Canada.

Promenade to the Bar, all hands.

Comic Song, by Charley Scott.

Lecture on the Sinful Effects of Philatelic Lunacy, by John Walter Scott of Great Britain.

Benediction, S. Allan Taylor, of Boston.

Grand Promenade to the Bar, all hands.

Such of the members as are indisposed, will be assisted to their homes by the brethren.

This society, or rather what is left of it, still exists. It is needless to say that Messrs. Scott, Brown, Seebeck, Freeman and Furlong have not been connected with it for years. The last and only ones who made any pretensions of respectability whatever resigned in 1877. The present crowd is composed of a divorce lawyer, a rum merchant's clerk, a bald-headed quaker, two sheenies and two beats, and is presided over by an immigrant from Jerusalem *via* Germany.

This completes the list of societies, past and present. We have failed to mention a few so-called societies of the Wytheville order. These are of such insignificance that it would be absurd to class them as societies.

## PHILATELIC RAYS OF LIGHT.

*"Truth written with a ray of light,  
Is truth made obviously plain."*

My readers have doubtless discovered ere this that if there is anything which disgusts me it is the average philatelic scribbler. They are an ignorant, conceited lot. One of them, H. A. Everett by name, attempted an article on the stamp journals of Great Britain, and says the first issued was "The Philatelic Journal." The entire article is full of similar errors. The writers of such articles ought to have leather poultices applied where their coat tails hang, and introduced to a wood-pile as a subject better suited to their intelligence, and at which they can work without making such fools of themselves.

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The first journal devoted to stamp collectors appeared in Liverpool, Eng., and

was issued Dec. 15th, 1862. It first appeared as the *Stamp Collector's Monthly Advertiser*, but was afterwards called the *Stamp Collector's Review*. In 1863 the following stamp journals appeared: *International Postage Stamp Review* (London), *Liverpool and Newport Stamp Advertiser*, *Stamp Collector's Magazine* (Bath), *Once a Month* (Manchester), *Weymouth Stamp and Crest Advertiser*, *Stamp Collector's Journal* (Hartlepool). I will not continue this list, as it is of but little interest to American collectors; sufficient to say there were thirty-two different papers published before the *Philatelic Journal*, mentioned above, appeared.

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There are many persons in this country, both old and young, who know nothing about stamp collecting. This ignorance could be removed, and the number of collectors increased, by a little proper advertising. This should be done by dealers, for they have a financial interest in the progress of Philately. A good way to advertise our hobby would be through items of interest regarding Philately furnished to the country papers by the various dealers; say Mr. Handford contribute an article regarding the auction value of stamps, etc., to the Steubenville *Trumpet*, and Messrs. Strans & Hyman might enlighten the readers of the *Hoosier Bugler* regarding Philately. All country papers are very glad to receive original matter of this nature, and such articles, if placed where our hobby is unknown, would create considerable talk and possibly add large numbers to our ranks. Should too large a number of the villagers go crazy on the subject, Mr. Sterling might be persuaded to counteract the effect with some statistics and items regarding bung, spool and shoe labels.

The following is the superscription of a letter that passed through the Louisville post office during the "unpleasantness":

"Feds. and Confeds., let this go free,  
Down to Nashville, Tennessee;  
This three cents stamp will pay the cost,  
Until you find Sophia Yost.  
Postmasters, north or even south,  
May open and find out the truth,  
I merely say my wife's got well,  
And has a baby, cross as —"

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Our readers will notice that we have enlarged the REVIEW. This is only an experiment, but it would afford us as much pleasure as it would our readers, to continue this size; yet this cannot be done without their aid. To bring this about we make two propositions:

1st. We will continue this size if we receive two hundred subscriptions during the next two months. In order to obtain these our readers who are not subscribers should at once subscribe and all should induce their philatelic friends to do the same thing as this is the opportunity to secure the largest, best and cheapest philatelic journal published.

2d. In case we do not receive enough subscriptions to enable us to continue our present size we will appear as heretofore, or will change the REVIEW to a quarterly magazine containing not less than twelve

pages. We desire each subscriber to inform us which he prefers, in order that we may know what to do in case we cannot continue this size.

## OUR PAPER.

In answer to the various inquiries regarding the authorship of certain articles which have appeared in the REVIEW, we beg to say that the personnel of the REVIEW must remain a profound secret. It is sufficient that one of the staff has consented to a sort of martyrdom by permitting his name to be placed by the side of the word editor. If, however, it would be any satisfaction to know the inner workings of this office, we will gladly oblige our friends by revealing what "manner of men" prepared this number. The editor, who is responsible for all that appears, has devoted his entire time during the past six weeks to "hedging" election bets. The task of writing up the "New Issues" is allotted to a young gentleman who writes the birth notices of a daily paper; he also writes the "Personals." It is rumored that he will soon take charge of the taffy department of a large candy house. The "Billy Brown" article was written by the fool of the staff. He is called this because he matched pennies with the editor an entire hour before it was discovered that both had double-headed pennies; he is also the evangelical character of the staff. The article on "Philatelic Societies" is taken from the archives of the government library at Washington. None of the staff will acknowledge the authorship of "Rays of Light," so the editor, out of pure charity, has consented to "father" it. The writer of "Ought They to be Collected" is an unfortunate cuss, whose courage invariably forsakes him at the critical moment, making him say head when he should say tail, and tail when he ought to say head.

The entire editorial force will soon be engaged on a work entitled "How to Keep Out of the Poor House," which will doubtless have a large sale.

It is needless to say that the REVIEW is not published for amusement, and in this respect entirely differs from all other philatelic papers.



## OUGHT THEY TO BE COLLECTED?



Our readers will recognize in the above engravings a fair sample of what are known as Indian monstrosities. Unfortunately it appears that many of these are genuine postage stamps, but many that are spoken of as genuine emissions flavor very strongly of fraud and appear much like things gotten up to defraud collectors. It is particularly favorable to the manufacturers of bogus stamps and unfortunate for collectors that these so-called stamps come, or are supposed to, from a country that is but slightly known. In consequence it is almost impossible to learn the *facts* regarding the many so-called stamps, and in the few cases that information was obtained it was not without much expense and the labor of months; therefore it is not surprising that the most knowing collectors are thrown on their beam-ends regarding these abortions. Many of these stamps we would advise philatelists to reject, as we believe a vast majority of these will soon be proven frauds. No reason or excuse can be offered for the existence of the many varieties and issues of the various Indian stamps; certainly the benighted inhabitants of India did not require them, and if not issued to benefit the only people under heaven who could appreciate or tolerate them, who, then were they issued for—for Philatelists? Knowing that among them there are some who possess decidedly more money than brains, these collectors are always anxious to buy anything that is called a postage stamp, and since stamp collecting first came into existence there have been dealers who were ever ready to accommodate these demented fools, usually with trash of the Indian monstrosity order; occasionally something a little better—the finely engraved Guatemalas, for example, which were sold in large

quantities by English dealers, notably by Alfred Smith & Co. This contemptible business of skinning philatelic fools by making stamps is not confined to philatelic sharpers, for various governments have thought it worth their while to engage in this small business; but because the issues of Heligoland, Fiji, Cyprus, San Marino, etc., are distinguished from other frauds in regard to origin, they should nevertheless be regarded as barefaced frauds, or, to draw it mild, a joke on philatelists. The United States and Moldavia have even gone so far as to counterfeit their own stamps in order to supply certain issues whereof the plates had been destroyed. Collectors will readily see that the only way to check this evil is to reject this class of stamps, for the moment the demand for them ceases among philatelists, that moment they will cease to appear.

## THE ENGLISH OF IT.

"But masters remember that I am an ass; though it may not be written down, yet forget not that I am an ass."

—*Much Ado about Nothing.*

Our more or less esteemed British contemporaries do not seem to catch the full meaning of personal journalism, and fool like they fall into traps that are set for them. The editor of that mass of imbecility, the *F. S. C. J.*, recently fell into one. That little passtime led to giving the *Review* a two page notice, free gratis, an advertisement which if inserted by our orders would cost five dollars. Truly this Mr. Cheveley is as verdant as the sod from which he emigrated. But perhaps our laughing is out of place as it appears that he is something worse than a fool, for after acknowledging that he had exhibited himself as an ass, he goes a step further, and says "but to be born an ass, and incapable of becoming anything else, even temporarily, is much worse and truly deplorable." Cheveley's record on this matter fully sustains his painful statement, but had this been known to us sooner, pity and self-respect would have prompted us to remain silent.

The somewhat interesting conclusion that may be drawn from all this is that philately, as an evidence of a higher civilization, does not belong to man alone.

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**EASTERN ROUMELIA.**—Mr. Durbin notes a 5 paras black on yellow, 10 p. black on green.

**FIJI.**—The fickle savage now engraves the "V R" instead of surcharging it as formerly.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—Mr. Morley sends us a new 1½ d. claret, 2 d. rose. The 1 sh. is now printed light red.

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**HUNGARY.**—A letter from the Hungarian P. O. Department says the following are in preparation: Post cards, 2 kr. orange on buff, 4 kr. (reply) ditto, 5 kr. rose on yellow, 10 kr. (reply) ditto). Envelope, 5 kr. bright rose (instead of red).

**LABUAN.**—Two surcharges are out—4 cents on 16 cents, 8 cents on 12 cents.

**LIBERIA.**—The new series, which we were the first to announce, is as follows: 1 cent blue, 2c carmine, 6c violet, 12c yellow, 24c pink.

**LUXEMBURG.**—A new series of annexed design is in preparation. The values are not announced.



**NATAL.**—Mr. Straus favors us with the new ½ d. stamp. It is similar to the new ½ d. English.

**PORTUGUESE INDIES.**—The colors of the 10 and 25 reis have been changed to green and pale lilac respectively.—*Durbin's Monthly.*

**PORTO RICO.**—"L'ami des Timbres" announces the following series for 1881: values in mill de peso, ¼ rose, 1 violet, 2 carmine, 4 green, 6 lilac, 8 blue; values in cent de peso, 1 green, 2 rose, 3 brown, 5 blue, 8 chocolate, 10 lilac, 20 olive.

**QUEENSLAND.**—Error, the 1 d. buff with Queensland spelled "Queensland."

**SERVIA.**—We annex a cut of a new series.



The values are in paras, 5 green, 10 rose, 25 blue, 50 green.

**ST. DOMINGO.**—A new set is in use, values in centavos. 1 green, 2 red, 5 blue, 10 rose, 20 bistre, 25 blue, 50 yellow, 75 blue, 1 peso gold. There are also six varieties of international cards, making thirteen cards in all.

**TOLIMA.**—Registered stamp, 50c blue on thick white paper, small square stamp, lithographed.

**TASMANIA.**—1 d., 2 d. and 3 d. surcharged "O S."

**U. S. COLUMBIA.**—20c blue on blue paper and 20c violet on white paper.

**URUGUAY.**—1c brown, 15c yellow. In addition the entire set is surcharged "official."

**VENEZUELA.**—Type set post card, black on white.

**VIRGIN ISLAND.**—1 d. same as 2½ d.

## THE FRENCH STAMPS.

Many curiosities of color and perforation may be found in the series for 1853-60. Perforation was adopted in 1862, after many private firms had initiated the system for their own convenience. Of these there are many sorts; notably a very large one used by Susse Freres, and therefore termed "La Susse"; and the *percege du Grand Hotel*, which is a roulette perforation. These are much sought after on the continent. There are many rare and curious shades to be found, of which we have not space to speak. The 1 franc Republic in vermilion is a scarce stamp, and so too is the blue 20 cent used error. The 20 cent Empire unperforated is found on blue and on green paper.—*Pemberton's S. C. Handbook.*

## THE BRUNSWICK REMAINDERS.

When the stamps of the German Confederation replaced those of Brunswick, on Jan. 1, 1868, all the remainders were sold to Mr. August Luther, a German stamp dealer. Mr. Luther's address recently became known to us, and we wrote him asking for the exact number of stamps he then purchased. Mr. L. kindly replied, saying that as it had been some years ago the exact number had escaped his memory, but "there were not more than two millions and not less than 1,500,000; about two-thirds of which were  $\frac{1}{3}$ , 1 and 2 sgr., the balance being 4-4 white  $\frac{1}{3}$  (56) and 3 sgr., the smallest number being the 4-4 brown." According to this most of the Brunswick stamps will not become scarce for some time.

## PRIVILEGED ENVELOPES.

The Prussian issue of the Victoria National Invaliden Stiftung envelope is of the 1861 type, 4 pf. green. This envelope was allowed to pass through the German mails without any further charge. In 1872 the Victoria and Kaiser Wilhelm Stiftungen received three varieties, same as the Empire issue,  $\frac{1}{3}$  gr. green. This small sum prepaid packages of any size sent by these societies. Some of the envelopes used are nearly two feet long.

## PERSONAL.

THANKS.—Messrs. Collins & Mills evidently try to do what is right. We are led to this conclusion by a recent number of their paper wherein they said: "Rasmussen is no hog." We feel very grateful to them for this assurance, as persons who have struggled with our name have called us everything, from "Ralmerser" to "Ragmuffin." It is, therefore, a feeling of relief to learn that we are at least "no hog."

NEW YORK.—Mr. Calman's business is exclusively wholesale, and his prices are low, as will be seen by the few extracts made from his list and that of a dealer named Bogert:

	Calman's Price.	Bogert's Price.
100 Br. Guiana, 1 & 2 ct.	\$.60	\$1.00
100 Iceland	2.00	2.50
10 Italy unperf. 2 l.	.08	.20
100 Japan	.45	.75
100 Thurn and Taxis	.40	.65
10 U. S. Col. 65, 50, 1 p.	.70	1.00

BOSTON.—Mr. A. E. Leach, known eight years ago as a stamp dealer, is now the correspondent of the *Dramatic News*. In one of his splay letters he made an unkind remark concerning Mr. Ed. Byron, who made an effort of a pugilistic nature to give Mr. Leach his opinion of the article. Friends of both parties are said to have been interested spectators, and for a time remained neutral, owing perhaps to a belief that

"They who in quarrels interpose  
Sometimes wipe a bloody nose."

DURBIN.—Mr. Durbin has just issued a superb number of his catalogue. Every collector should possess a copy. The fine photographic set of "Rulers of the World," just published by Mr. D., is the most complete, in fact the only complete set issued, while his "Monthly" can safely be pronounced the most trustworthy monthly stamp paper published.

LOST.—It appears that about twenty of our subscribers did not receive the late issues of the REVIEW. All who do not receive the paper in ten days after the issuing date will then please notify us, that the matter may be investigated at our P. O.

STERLING.—We understand that Mr. E. B. Sterling wishes to sell his collection of

revenue stamps, which is doubtless the finest in the U. S. If this sale means that Mr. S. is losing his interest in revenue stamps, we should not only regret it, but would consider it a serious blow at revenue stamp collecting.

**SWINDLERS.**—The S. W. says C. B. Raub has left New London, Conn. We don't know where he has gone to, but it ought to be to some penitentiary. Mr. Manuel d'Utra Silva, of Bahia, Brazil, is another person whom our readers should not trust.

**TRIFET.**—It affords us pleasure to be able to speak of Mr. Trifet's monthly as one of the largest and best newspapers published.

**ALL RIGHT.**—Mr. B. E. Wright intends to increase his business by adding philatelic literature thereto. Quite right, my boy!

**GEORGE.**—Mr. Rodenberg has just issued an unusually good number of his paper. We wish it success.

**PROPER.**—Mr. Durbin devoted almost two columns of his monthly to the Return Postal Card described in our last.

**LATEST.**—Stanley, Gibbons & Co. have the fourth edition of their celebrated Imperial Albums in press. It will be issued in two volumes.

#### PHILATELIC RAYS OF LIGHT.

*"Truth written with a ray of light.  
Is truth made obviously plain."*

Mr. James M. Chute has received a letter from Australia which reads: "I find there are several varieties of the new 2 d. blue Queensland. In one the words 'TWO PENCE' are much larger and close together; in the other the letters are more or less apart. There is no mistaking the difference when seen together. I notice a decided variety of 1 d. green envelope, blue paper. The letters 'ONE PENNY' are much smaller and there are several minor additions to the design. All of the current N. S. Wales stamps are now surcharged 'OS' in black and are used for the government service."

Mr. J. W. Adee has kindly sent me a letter received from Bermuda, which says:

"The only lawfully surcharged Bermuda stamps are the following: 2 d. surcharged 1 d., 3 d. surcharged 1 d., 1 sh. surcharged 1 d., 1 sh. surcharged 3d. in italics, 1 sh. surcharged 3 d. in plain letters. The two last named are almost if not quite extinct. The 1 d. surcharged 3d. and 2d., and 1 sh. surcharged 3 d., were never used as postage stamps, but were stamped in that way, I find by referring to the authorities, in order to see which would take the dye best."

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I have before me a letter from Mr. G. A. Knoch wherein he offers to sell the original die of the St. P. Brunswick local envelope. When I first read this I asked myself—"What did Mr. Knoch purchase this for, and what use except for fraudulent reprints could be made of it?" If I wanted to go into the business of making fraudulent stamps I would not pay Mr. Knoch a fancy price for his hand-stamp, when forty cents is the price of an electrotype that would answer the same purpose; but I am sorry to see Mr. Knoch in this kind of business. Doubtless some one has been victimized by prints from this die, and perhaps some one may be victimized by the purchase of this die, but I am not the one.

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I have again been compelled to lay over about one column of advertisements. This has occurred the last three issues. The reason I limit my advertising space is that I believe the influence of any journal is killed the moment it becomes an advertising sheet, and I do not intend that such a fate shall overtake the REVIEW.

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#### PHILATELIC ASTRONOMY.

With a belief that many of our readers are not so deeply interested in Philately but that they would like to learn the views of Prof. Mansill, the well known astronomer, of Rock Island, concerning the approaching comet and the hair-raising, collar-wilting effects it may have on us, whether we are philatelists, methodists, or sinners, we detailed a reporter to obtain an interview, regardless of cost from a leather point of view. Our reporter found the professor at his home, and after giving

an assurance that he was not collecting for a church debt, he was welcomed with a heartiness that suggested a possibility of something more ardent and stimulating than anything he had been asked to take for some days, and when he disclosed the nature of his errand the professor smiled so hard that his glasses dropped off his nose. While readjusting them he made a few inquiries concerning the REVIEW. When he discovered that the word stamps did not mean greenbacks, and that the REVIEW was not a financial journal, there seemed imminent danger of the reporter's reception turning sufficiently cool to be uncomfortable; and with a "nerve" that would have done honor to a more important undertaking the reporter began to explain the beauties of stamp collecting. The professor interrupted him by saying:

"Nonsense! child's play, and indulged in only by that class of weak minds who write stuff like 'the light of the dull grey moon.'"

The reporter suggested that Profs. Blackie, Horner and many others were enthusiastic collectors, and then gave the professor an indigestible story about the prices of certain stamps. After looking somewhat puzzled he said:

"Well, if you can obtain such large sums for old stamps—bits of soiled paper—why, it is as wonderful as the conjuror's art."

That the reporter now felt happy, at home, and like an old acquaintance, is evident when he so far forgot himself as to say:

"Yes; that reminds me that I am somewhat of a magician, thanks to a friend."

"Indeed!" said the professor, "what can you do?"

"Oh! turn a nickel into a glass of beer," replied the reporter, with a smile that plainly said "sold again."

A look of horror spread o'er the professor's face, evidently he deemed this an insult to his dignity and without permitting the reporter to apologize he bowed him out with a look full of profanity and a bow of great dignity—one however that would not have surpassed the reporter's *courtesy* had he not come in contact with a coal bucket in his crab-like exit.

## ORIGIN OF THE PERU P. O.

General Post-Office Administration, }  
LIMA, PERU, May 10. }

DEAR SIR:—The origin of post-offices in Peru dates from the colonial times, when a Grand Postmaster was named in the Commercial Office in Seville. It was this Grand Postmaster who used to dispatch the correspondence for the Indies, directed to the agents in the capitals of the viceroyships, these agents being the only ones in direct communication with the office in Seville for despatching the correspondence.

King Charles IV appointed Doctor Don Lorenzo Galindez de Carbajal, Count of Castillijo, Grand Postmaster in the year 1700. But wishing to complete the important service of stage post, he issued in 1794 the General Post-Office statute for Peru, naming a superintendent of this branch under the authority of the Secretaries of State of the viceroyships. Later on, by a royal order dated December 29th, 1877, the administrators were classified into general administrators and principals. After the Republic was established the denomination of the General Post-Office changed—General being the name of the directing office in the capital of Peru, Lima, and Principal those of the provinces. Lately, by the supreme decree of the 8th of October, 1861, the General Directing Office of this branch was established a Principal Administrating Office subsisting in the capital, equal to the departmental administrations, which at the present time amount to twenty in the whole republic.

Having so answered your estimable letter dated March 20th of the present year, I beg to remain

Your obedient servant,  
CAMILO SOLMON,  
Director General.

## VARIETIES.

We are indebted to Mr. James M. Chute for the following list of choice varieties of postage stamps:

Argentine Republic—Issue of 1877. The 5 cent red surcharged 8.

Bolivia—Issue of 1871. Government frank stamp inscribed "SERVICIO GUBERNATIVO CORREOS" in blue on white envelope.

Bremen—Variety of 7 grote with no stop after the word grote.

British Guiana—Issue of 1860. The 2 and 12 cents surcharged with large "5d." in black. The large figure covers nearly the entire stamp.

Cape of Good Hope—Issue of 1864. Four pence with black surcharge "ONE PENNY."

Error—4 pence with red surcharge "THE EE PENCE." Same, "NHREE PENCB."

Ecuador—Issue of 1872, variety of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  rl. blue. The frame work is smaller and the eagle differently placed.

New Grenada—Issue of 1863, 20c green, 50c red. The colors seem to have been reversed. Issue of 1871, 5c lemon yellow, 5c orange.

Griqualand—Four pence with large "GW" in red;  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny with large and small "GG" in red;  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny with two small "GG" in red; 1 penny with two small "GG" in red.

Mauritius—Ten pence, same color as the 4d rose, surcharged "HALF PENNY."

Mexico—Eagle issue, 1 rl. bright ultramarine. Issue of 1868, 12c on olive green paper; 50c blue on flesh; 100c brown on brown. Small Porte de Mar, 75c rose.

N. S. Wales—Large square, 8 pence dark orange (very scarce).

Naples—Provisional, 10 grana brown, same color as mezzo grano.

Parma—40c black on blue, circle much smaller and frame work differently placed.

Persia—Lion with figure, 2 schai black.

Prussia—Issue of 1858, 3 s. gr. deep blue. Issue 1861, 2 s. gr. bistre.

Russia—Variety of 30 k. envelope with numeral and circle containing it larger.

Queensland—3 pence pale green; 4 pence bright lemon yellow; 6 pence surcharged "TWO SHILLINGS." Present issue, 2 pence blue surcharged "HALF PENNY" in black.

St. Helena—6 pence red. This stamp lacks the usual surcharge.

Servia—Issue of 1866, 2 para with inscription "PARF."

Spain—Issue of 1855, 2 rls. blue. (This error is almost unique.) Issue of 1865, specimens of the 12 and 16 cuartos with head of Isabella upside down.

Turkey—Issue of 1864, 10 paras with figure 1 in the angles.

Venezuela—Issue of 1866,  $\frac{1}{2}$  rl. red brown. Issue of 1880, 25c brown (error).

W. Australia—2 pence orange, surcharged "ONE PENNY" in black.

## MATCH AND MEDICINE STAMPS.

*A List of Match and Medicine Stamps printed on Watermarked Paper, Issued to Jan. 1, 1881.*

REVISED BY J. W. ADEE.

### Match Stamps.

Allen & Powers	1 blue
Alligator Match Co.	1 "
American Fusee Co.	1 black
Bagley & Dunham	1 green
Barber Match Co.	1 blue
Bendal, H. (doing business as)	1 brown
Bond, Wm. & Co.	1 green
Bowers & Dunham	1 "
Busch, Charles	1 black
Byam, Carlton & Co.	1 "
Cardinal Match Co.	1 red
Clark, Jos. L.	1 green
C. B. & C. S. (Flag)	1 black
Eaton, James	1 "
Eichele & Co.	1 blue
Eisenhart, J. W.	1 "
Excelsior Match Co.	1 black
Gates, Wm. Sons (three 1c stamps)	1 "
" " "	1 "
Gorman, Thomas	1 green
Hotchkiss, J. G. Match Co.	1 "
Ives, P. T.	1 blue
" & Judd	1 green
Leigh & Palmer	1 black
Loehr, Joseph	1 blue
Mansfield, F. & Co.	1 "
Metropolitan Match Co. (N. & C.)	4 green
Messenger, A.	1 black
National Match Co.	1 blue
Newton, F. P.	1 red
Reed & Thompson	1 black
Richardson Match Co.	1 "
Roeber, Wm.	1 blue
Schmitt & Schmittziel	1 red
Smith, E. K.	1 "
Stantou, H.	1 black
Star Match Co.	1 "
Swift, Courtney & Beecher Co.	1 "
Zaiss, F. & Co.	1 "

### Medicine Stamps.

Allcock's Plasters	1 black
Allen, Mrs. S. A.	4 "
" " "	6 "
Anglo-American Drug Co.	1 "
Ayer, J. C. & Son	1 "
" " "	4 blue

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THE REVIEW has a larger circulation than any Philatelic journal in this country, and is the ONLY journal which receives the support of ALL the leading Dealers in the United States.

With this number of the REVIEW we present our subscribers with a photograph of the Return Postal Card, described in our January "extra."

Three months ago we stated that if two hundred subscriptions were received within two months we would issue a twelve page monthly; if not we would continue as before or issue a larger paper every three months. A large majority of our subscribers have expressed a preference for a large quarterly, if a large monthly could not be issued. As the subscriptions received would not permit this, the REVIEW will hereafter be issued quarterly. Collectors preferring to purchase single copies can obtain them from any news-dealer.

## DEATH OF ALFRED SMITH.

Soon after issuing our last number we were informed of the death of Alfred W. Smith, on the 10th of November, at the age of 43 years.

It is always a painful task to chronicle death, but it becomes doubly painful when it is one whom philatelists considered one of the ablest and most experienced of their number. Mr. Smith was the publisher of the "Monthly Circular," Dr. Grey's Catalogue, etc. His first and greatest work was begun Feb. 1, 1863—the "Stamp Collector's Magazine"—which will prove a monument to his memory more enduring than granite.

## A FRENCH FARCE.

The French society, of which we spoke in our November number, has made itself ridiculous by presenting Mr. C. H. Coster with a medal for an article on the envelope stamps of this country. We do not wish to utter a single word that would detract from Mr. Coster's fame as a writer, for we are aware that if he has any it is so little that to take any away would be to rob the poor fellow of all. But we wish to see justice done and honor given where honor is due; and if this is done, we regret to say, it will shatter Mr. Coster's claims to authorship. It will, however, establish beyond dispute the fact that he is quite an adept in appropriating the work of other men's efforts and brains.

Our readers are aware that we always endeavor to be accurate in matters of facts and dates, and therefore we confess to them that we are not quite positive whether Mr. J. W. Scott discovered Mr. Coster, or whether Mr. Coster discovered Mr. Scott, but we are inclined to think that it was the latter, for the reason that at that time Charlie Coster was such a microscopic affair that to find him would have bothered a better man than Mr. Scott. In time he became an *attache* of Mr. Scott, and soon after was known about town as "Scott's butterfly," an assurance to us that he had passed the larvæ or caterpillar period of his existence. As we had heard that time changed all things we were prepared for the next change, which was from the butterfly to a full-fledged philatelist. To imagine what the next change will bring forth is a matter we do not care to waste any time over, so we pass it to deal with him as we find him—a conceited individual ever longing to see his name in print.

Mr. Coster's claims as a writer began with an article on U. S. Locals, which he with commendable judgment copied from Mr. Scott's series of articles in the "A. J. of P." At about this time Mr. Pemberton published a series of articles in the "Stamp Collector's Magazine" on that remarkable breed of so-called California locals, and soon after died. Mr. Coster, undaunted by this terrible result, combined Messrs. Scott and Pemberton's articles and added



a few "notes" drawn from his imagination, and then with Mr. Scott's money published this conglomeration in book form under the name of "U. S. Locals and their History."\* The reliable part of this work was too familiar to American readers to be of any interest, and the work seemed destined to remain unsold, when Mr. Scott appended it to his "History of Postage Stamps," and thus Mr. Coster became known to a much wider public than otherwise would have been his lot. His latest effort is the article on Envelope Stationery, of which we have spoken, and which is a rehash of Mr. Freeman's article, to which Mr. Coster has added some information borrowed from Mr. J. K. Tiffany and Prof. Horner. This in itself is quite a compliment to these gentlemen, but his conduct becomes contemptible and dastardly when he takes the reward which belongs to others. Here in this country his true position as a writer is understood, and the French society may yet learn that he bears the relation to philatelic writers that oleomargarine bears to butter.

But perhaps the entire matter may yet be explained by a statement that the medals presented to Mr. Coster are made of leather.

We may deem it the proper paper to print in our next a more detailed narrative of this great philatelic writer.

Handford's Directory is decidedly the finest work of the kind ever issued, and is one that will prove of great benefit to every active collector, as it contains the addresses of over 1,000 collectors in all parts of the world. The work is so fine that it must be a matter of regret to some of our readers that their names are not included.

Ed. Heim, of Vienna, has a poor lot of things which he calls reprints. They consist of Shanghai, Modena, Transvaal and Wenden types. Collectors should beware of these, and also so-called reprints of Bremen stamps which certain Hamburg dealers have placed on the market.

\*Mr. Coster presented this to the Paris congress, where it was severely criticized because it did not coincide with Mr. Tiffany's observations. (See Coster's "World," Oct., 1878.)

### SLIGHTLY MISTAKEN.

The *Stamp World* says that the first American philatelic journal appeared in 1867. This is mistake. The first was issued by Mr. S. Allan Taylor, on Feb. 15th, 1864, and was called the "Stamp Collector's Record." It came into existence in Montreal, Canada, and at the age of two months crawled to Albany, N. Y., and finally died in Boston, Mass., after a long and useful existence.

The papers that appeared after this and before 1867 were as follows: "The Stamp Collector's Review" (Boston), Oct. 1, 1866; in St. John, N. B., appeared the "Stamp Collector's Gazette," June 1, 1865, the "Stamp Argus," July 15, 1865, and the "Postman's Knock," May 1, 1866; the "Stamp Circular" (Cincinnati, Ohio), Nov. 25, 1865. The papers that appeared in 1867 were named the "Monitor," "Mercury," "Journal" and "Reporter."

### OBITUARY.

"The Collector," "Mt. Pleasant Philatelist," "Collectors' News," "Stamp Dealers' Gazette," "Philatelic Guide," "Philatelic News"—

All have died, woodbined, busted,  
They lived this long because the printer trusted;  
But each one now has kicked the bucket,  
Killed by printers' bills that struck it.

Post-office authorities always send the owner of a publication notice when his postage bill is unpaid, and then hold subsequent issues until it is paid, frequently filling the waste-box of the institution with a variety of literature that would astonish the casual visitor. "Why, you would hardly believe the mass of stuff we have on hand," said a pleasantly talkative official the other day, "and the bulk of it is religious. Why, at this moment we have on hand four hundred pounds of 'Little Christians,' three hundred pounds of 'Kind Words,' over six hundred pounds of 'Walks with Jesus,' two or three hundred pounds of 'The Road to Heaven,' and as many more of 'Advice to the Young.'" When requested to be more explicit, he stated that these were the names of different publications held for back postage, and the number of pounds they weighed.

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## NEW ISSUES.



**AZORES.**—The 50 reis of the new type of Portugal has been surcharged "Azores."

**BAHAMAS.**—A 4 d purple, envelope, and 1½ d carmine on buff.

**BHORE.**—L'Ami des Timbres announces a set as follows: 2 annas lilac, 4 annas rose, 8 annas green, 1 rupee yellow.

**CHILI.**—The design of the 5 centavos has been slightly altered.

**COSTA RICA.**—The ½ real stamp surcharged "2 cents."

**CUBA.**—2 and 3 cents de peso post cards, single and double, have been issued.

**CYPRUS.**—The supply of ½ d stamps having run short, a limited number of 1 d were surcharged "Half-Penny" in black.—P. M.

**EASTERN ROUMELIA.**—Mr. Durbin says: "Turkish stamps of 20 paras, 2 and 5 piastres surcharged 'R O' are used. Of the new series three more values are in use, viz: 20 paras black and rose, 1 piastre blue and black, 5 piastres rose and blue.

**FINLAND.**—A 25 penni envelope and a new international card have been issued.

**FRENCH COLONIES.**—A set of unpaid letter stamps for Guadaloupe has appeared. The values are 15, 25, 30 and 40 centimes.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—A 5 d stamp purple has been issued for postage to England.—P. M.

**ITALY.**—The current series surcharged "Estero."



**LABUAN.**—A 10 ct. brown, old design.

**LIBERIA.**—A set of inland stamps are in preparation. The values are not decided upon.



**MAURITIUS.**—The 8c card was an error, and has been surcharged "Four Cents," the value intended.

**NORWAY.**—Our first illustration is of a local stamp used in the town of Tromso. Mr. Durbin says the set consists of 3 ore brown, 5 blue and 8 green.

**NOWANUGGER.**—The new set consists of 1 docra rose, 2 do. yellow, 3 do. green.

**PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.**—Our second cut is of another provisional lately used. The stamp is bistre, the surcharge black.

**PORTUGAL.**—50 reis blue, new type.

**PORTUGUESE INDIES.**—The 50 reis is now blue instead of green.—L. W. Durbin.

**QUEENSLAND.**—A new penny card printed carmine on buff and white.

**RAJPEPLA.**—A ½ anna blue, 2 annas green and 4 annas red.

**SIERRA LEONE.**—A 1½ d post card.

**STRATTS SETTLEMENTS.**—Another provisional, 10 cents on 12 cents blue.

**SWITZERLAND.**—Designs for a new set are now being selected. The cuts at the top and bottom of this column illustrate two of the new set. The values will be 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 20, 25, 40 and 50 centimes and 1 franc.

**TURK'S ISLAND.**—Mr. Durbin has received the 6d stamp surcharged ½, 2½ and 4 in large black numerals.



**VICTORIA.**—We are indebted to Mr. Straus for a specimen of a new 2 d red brown.

From Mr. Adee we learn that Kidder & Laird 1c red and 2c red, and Rumford 2c green, medicine stamps, have been issued; also a 1c red E. B. Eddy match stamp. The factory was located in Canada, but has been destroyed by fire. This Eddy stamp will become rare. Mr. Adee's valuable article will be continued in our next.

## CASEY'S CUSSEDNESS.

It is a matter of regret that we are once more compelled to soil our pages with the exploits of that hair-brained mick, J. J. Casey. This person has lately written an article on stamp collecting, which, aside from rehashing what has been written before in a much abler manner, contains nothing except the startling announcement that

"My collection, which numbers over fourteen thousand specimens, and which at the very lowest estimate is worth \$15,000, has not cost me \$1,500 in money, and all this by making judicious use of the knowledge I acquired gradually."

As all knowledge is acquired gradually, we will accept that portion of his statement, but we may remark *en passant* that if he dishonored his stamp accounts as frequently as he did his boarding-house bills, then indeed his collection cost him but very little; and as he is one of that breed who with charming indifference, caused by insufficiency of brains, collect everything that has seen a mail-bag or a boot heel he has managed to accumulate several thousand specimens of stamp trash which all sane collectors reject. Desiring to learn the value of all this stuff, we addressed a letter of inquiry to a New York gentleman whom we deem the best judge in America of the value of stamps. His reply is as follows:

"Casey has a fine collection, and should say it would sell for \$1,500. I suppose you know how he obtained it. I do not believe it ever cost him one cent. You know the swindle by which he got valuable proprietary stamps. That can be proven by original documents. In regard to other stamps, I am told he got complete sets of India, including revenues, by writing to the Indian government and representing that a set of the stamps was required for the use of the New York Board of Education, and having access to the writing paper of the department, his story looked all right. This he successfully repeated with other governments, and so obtained many valuable stamps."

After reading this letter it is plain that Casey made use of too many ciphers—that when he stated his collection cost him \$1,500 he meant \$150. If not we may safely say he lied; but as it does not hurt the feelings of a thief to be called a liar, we will not waste our breath. This is not the first time that this person has obtained goods under false pretenses.

In October, 1875, the following correspondence appeared in the American Journal of Philately:

New York, Sept. 1875.

SIR—Having been invited by the Philadelphia Centennial Commission to exhibit my collection of postage stamps and stamped envelopes, next year. I have concluded it would be a very interesting feature of the collection to include specimens of our match and medicine stamps, which vary so much in design—some beautiful, some otherwise. No other country on the globe, I believe, possesses specimens of private proprietary stamps, and a fine collection of these, exhibited at Philadelphia, would attract considerable attention. I take the liberty, therefore, of asking you to send me specimens of your stamps, and if possible, the *proof* impressions of each value, the design of which, is, I believe very beautiful.

I think an article on the system of proprietary stamps would be readily accepted by any of our leading magazines—Scribner's or Harper's—and I would prepare one if I had sufficient facts and specimens for the purpose of illustration. Send date of 1st issue.

Hoping you will not consider my request improper.

I remain Yours Respectfully,

JOSEPH J. CASEY.

Founder of the National Philatelic Society.

## INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.

Office of the 1876.

DIRECTOR GENERAL

United States Centennial Commission.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 11, 1875.

—Esq., New York City.

Dear Sir:—Your letter of the 9th inst. is received. Mr. Joseph J. Casey has no connection whatever with this Commission, and has no authority to make a collection of stamps and stamped envelopes for the exhibition.

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed) A. T. GOSHORN,

Director General.

We have shown how many foreign stamps were procured. These letters explain how a great many proprietary stamps were obtained. Perhaps this is one of the ways which he says "will suggest themselves for getting desired specimens," but we are sure that no honest person would think of obtaining stamps in such a way. He seems to forget that all collectors did not, like himself, spring from one of the lowest whiskey hells of New York. Let him remember this, and not forget what he is, but try to become something else—for at present he is such a disgraceful object that his name should not be mentioned in the same breath with that of a gentleman.



## PHILATELIC RAYS OF LIGHT.

*"Truth written with a ray of light,  
Is truth made obviously plain."*

I seldom waste my time to read such boyish effusions as the New Jersey Philatelist, but I did read a corner of it the other morning before destroying it forever, and this is what it said :

"Now you may ask how is it that so many varieties appear of some single denomination, say for instance the 3c. envelope green present issue? You may feel assured that it was not merely accident, but that the government had some reason and object for causing them to be issued, and that with each one of these small differences some philatelic importance is connected."

Yes, kind reader, a very important philatelic thing is connected therewith, i. e. the young fool that wrote the above rubbish for the N. J. P. I am well aware that the N. J. P. is only read by boys, and is issued by young boys, but that is no reason why they should perpetrate what Mr. Byrne, the editor of Truth, would call the most colossal specimen of imbecility on the rampage that ever afflicted my aching vision.

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The effigy of Queen Victoria adorns more than 1,500 stamps, Australian officials included. Of this number about 350 are in use at the present time, and would be replaced by new issues in case of the queen's death; therefore, dear reader, think if you can of this harmless old lady's demise without a cold chill going down your back as you view the affair from a philatelic stand-point. The British nation might regard her death with equanimity and perhaps utter indifference, but whatever the feeling of the British would be over the death of Mrs. Guelph, the average American collector would feel in the direction of his pocket-book with a look of regret that would surely pass for unfeigned sorrow.

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I suppose a great many collectors have wondered whether the death of the Russian despot will result in a new series of stamps. It is scarcely probable, as the effigy of the late Tsar does not adorn a single stamp, postal or revenue.

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The Richmond (Va.) Dispatch is doing a

good work in the way of advertising philately by describing the 5cts. Pistsylvania local, for which it says \$50 has been refused. This stamp is catalogued on page 321 of Pemberton's Handbook, and the Philatelist of Feb. 1875., contains a letter from Mr. Harry Bruce, of St. Johns, N. B., wherein he states that "this stamp was discovered in August last by Mr. E. W. Kohn, of Richmond, Va. \* \* The only specimen as yet known is still upon the original envelope and is postmarked in such distinct and definite characters as to render any controversy regarding the locality for which it was deputized to do duty entirely useless and unnecessary," &c. The Philatelist of that month also contains an illustration of a 10cts., same design, discovered by Bruce. Time has revealed that both Messrs. Kohn and Bruce are a pair of humbugs. The former decidedly too much of a discoverer of things which he concocted. The latter did not confine his discoveries to such narrow limits, but turned to things more valuable, wherefor he now occupies a criminal's cell. I need not tell my readers that both stamps are humbugs, concocted by the above named individuals.

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This same W. Harry Bruce once published a small sheet wherein words took the place of ideas, and which was remarkable for its idiotic assaults on the "vile Boston forgers." This very pure young man never dreamt that men who sell forged stamps possess more practical common sense about philately than his feeble brain can conceive of. These men have no spite against philately. On the contrary they usually have a supreme contempt for it. They sell imitations because they find it more profitable to deal in them than in genuine stamps, and the greatest favor you can do this class of dealers is to advertise them and their wares as little Harry Bruce used to do, for the average boy collector, like Mrs. Eve, cannot resist the forbidden fruit. But I have wandered from my subject. I wanted to say that this evangelical Harry in the course of human events went to Boston. His aim was not "culchah" but something he needed as much, i. e. a job. He found it in a dry goods house, where he worked until a few months ago when he left the

paths of honesty and muslin and strayed into the glove department, and in due time was arrested for the larceny of \$213 worth of kid gloves, and being duly convicted was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years, and is now undergoing his sentence. I imagine that when the Boston forgers heard the tidings of Bruce's disaster the grim and aged head centre of the gang remarked to his lieutenant: "Charley, my boy, the mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceeding small; and likewise Bruce is gone over for two years for stealing gloves. Reach me the Bible." And Charley handed him the Bible, and the old man read a chapter from the Psalms of David about how the wicked should not prosper and that the wages of sin is death, and then they were seen chewing coffee-beans in the doorway of a restaurant in a few minutes thereafter.

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Regarding Mr. Coster's work on the semi-official stamps of the U. S., an esteemed correspondent writes: "Mr. Coster's designation of those stamps which the private enterprise of several postmasters put into use before the United States government authorized the issue of any stamps whatsoever as 'semi-official or provisional issues of the United States,' and his statement that some of them at least had the sanction of the general government, is amusing. Mr. Coster has written so much for Moens lately that evidently he has become Frenchified to the extent of considering an American postmaster as omnipotent as the liveried hirelings of the effete monarchies of Europe. This official sanction of the general government, as his article shows, is merely that a Washington correspondent of a New York paper stated in 1845 that the postmaster of New York had proposed to issue stamped envelopes for the accommodation of the public and the Postmaster General had decided that he could do so. That is, what there was no law to prohibit a postmaster from selling his own stamps, any more than from selling dry goods or groceries, as many of them did once do. This, Mr. Coster thinks, dignified all stamps so issued by postmasters into an official, provisional, or at least a semi-official issue of our great

and glorious country. Unfortunately for the theory of Mr. Coster, what the Postmaster General did was not even an attempt to authorize these issues. To have made the attempt would have been merely an impertinence, as the Postmaster General here derives all his authority from the acts of Congress, and those acts gave him no authority to issue stamps himself or approve of their issue by his subordinates. When the law did authorize the issue of stamps it at the same time forbade the use of any others. If Mr. Coster's ideas gain ground among the postmasters in our villages we shall have 'semi-official groceries' and 'provisional dry goods stores' at every cross road, and each country P. M. who gets a commission will imitate the French sign—'John Smith, by Special Appointment Grocer to His Excellency the President of the United States and the Postmaster General, Post Office.'"

#### PERSONAL.

Tom.—The Chinese in Washington call Hon. Thomas James, the P. M. General, "Tommy Jimmie."

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Straus.—One of the most popular and obliging men in the stamp trade is Mr. J. Straus, and, we may also add, one of the cheapest dealers.

Columbus.—The capital of Ohio contains a large number of collectors, whose wants are ably supplied by Messrs. C. C. Collins and T. T. Tress, two enterprising dealers.

Bottlewasher.—W. B. Taylor, formerly of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, has removed to Chicago, and is engaged in the drug business. That he may prosper will be the hope of his friends and creditors. We fear the latter are more numerous than the former.

Rodenberg.—The packages of stamps offered for sale by Mr. Geo. W. Rodenberg, of Cincinnati, O., in this number, are an inducement that every young collector should take advantage of, and as for genuineness and honesty we can testify. His motto is "What I do I do well."

## LIMPING BILLY'S CONSCIENCE.

The time was the 13th of April, 1881, and the place was the court room of the Common Pleas Court, in New York City. The jury are being sworn in.

"William Penn Brown, juror, hold up your right hand. You solemnly swear to well and truly try and due deliverance make," etc., etc.

W. P. B. (*log.*)—"Your honor, I object. I can't swear."

"On what ground?" said his honor.

"On the ground that oaths have a constitutional confliction with my conscience and the duty I owe the Lord."

"Ah, hum, h-m, h-m," said his honor. "Mr. Brown, what is your business?"

"I am a dealer in old stamps, coins, soldier buttons and varieties of rarities in the collectorial line—circulars free on receipt of stamp."

"Do you mean," said his honor, "to tell this court that you are a dealer in old stamps, and that you have a conscience?"

"I do," said Brown.

"Mr. Brown, did you never swear?"

"Never!" said the benignant William.

"What! nev—" but here the Judge stopped short, the ominous growls of dissent from the spectators warning his honor that the audience was not in a mood to be trifled with; and to avoid the riot his honor took the opportunity to lay his quid of "Jackson's Best" on the ink-stand, and then summed up as follows:

"Mr. Brown, this court has read of Ananias, and it also, likewise, has seen a man who can raise him and go him one better; and the court is furthermore of the opinion that a short period in the cooler will do your conscience a power of good, and it so orders."

"What!" said Brown, "am I sent up!"

"For five days," replied his honor; "and the court will enquire around and see whether it had not ought to have been five years. Remove him."

And a deputy-sheriff walked him down the steps, and as he passed the poet of the

period let himself loose on the multitude thusly:

Did you but see his stately pace,  
His noble majesty of face,  
And his cork leg, with pensive grace,  
So stately sweeping on.  
You'd swear that artist ne'er did paint  
So just an image of that saint  
Who propped the Virgin in her faint,  
The loved apostle John.

## IS STAMP COLLECTING PHILATELY?

BY E. P. REYNOLDS, JR.

The term Philately, as applied to the science of stamp collecting, first came into use in this country in New York city, under the auspices of the New York Philatelic Society, from which naught but errors could have been expected to have emanated. At the time this so-called society imported the word from England, no explanation was made as to its derivation or who had the honor of coining it. A few years afterwards, however, we notice in the *American Journal of Philately*, under the head of "Answers to Correspondents," that it is derived from the Greek, *philos*, a friend, and *telos*, a tax, or literally "a friend of tax." We have often wondered if stamp collectors, when they own any property, desire to pay their taxes more than other taxpayers. Of course we know why the editor of the *A. J. of P.* gave that derivation, since he liked so well to tax his subscribers for their paper that after an existence of ten years it ingloriously died.

About the time this *American Journal of Philately* appeared on the scene of action, a Mr. Trifet, of Boston, chose to call himself a "Timbropholist," and on page 63, Vol. I, of the *American Stamp Mercury* he throws mud at the term Philately, wherein he showed his good sense. But at about that same time, Mr. T. having at least as bad a reputation as the N. Y. P. S., his philology was, so to speak, thrown into the sea.

Not being satisfied with our own opinion concerning the derivation as given in the *A. J. of P.*, we addressed a letter to Mr. J. W. Scott, former publisher and editor of that defunct affair, and received from him, under his now so well known *nom de plume*

of "Scott & Co.," the following brief reply:

"The name Philately was manufactured in England at least fifteen years ago. We have seen it in dictionaries years ago. See Appleton's Encyclopedia."

Mr. Scott evidently forgot that in Vol. IX, page 143, of his journal he reviewed the article on "Postage Stamps" in Vol. XIII of Appleton's Cyclopaedia, and said: "It is the first paper on the subject that has appeared in any of the great encyclopedias." We never doubted the fact that it was manufactured in England, for we knew the N. Y. P. S. had not enough sense to manufacture such a word, nor to perceive the error after it was formed. As to the "dictionaries," we looked through several editions of Webster and Worcester and found it not, except in the last edition of Webster, in the "Supplement of New Words." As to the article referred to in Appleton's Encyclopedia, we found it was entitled "Postage Stamps," thus not recognizing the word "philately" except in the following conditional manner: "Postage stamp collecting, or 'philately' as it is now called, began as soon as stamps were in use in half a dozen countries."

Mr. S. carefully avoided giving the name of the dictionary in which he saw the word "years ago." Upon looking in Webster's last edition we found the derivation to be from the Greek *philos*, a friend, and *ateleia*, an exemption from tax. That looked a little more reasonable, since all mankind would like to be "exempted from taxes." Perceiving that was directly opposite to the *A. J. of P.* derivation, we wrote to Dr. Porter, the well known lexicographer of the present day, asking why the derivation was given in Webster from *ateleia* instead of *telos*. He kindly replied as follows:

YALE COLLEGE,  
New Haven, Conn., May 10, 1881.

Dear Sir:—The reason why *ateleia* is given, not *telos*, is that the spelling requires it. Otherwise a and y in Philately are not accounted for. The word itself is clearly a deliberated and somewhat violently manufactured word. But the manufacturer must have made it in part from *ateleia*.

Very respectfully,

N. PORTER,

This, coming whence it does, discards the derivation from *telos*. The foregoing

derivations clearly answer our question; for, although stamp collectors are in a political point of view philatelists, not as stamp collectors, yet stamp collecting is not Philately. Clearly the word is a misnomer. When a stamp collector styles himself a philatelist he does not state that he is a stamp collector, but the same as any taxpayer. It is well that those who are to be charged with the adoption of the word in this country have sunk so far in oblivion. It is not well for stamp collectors to perpetuate the science under the name of "Philately." Better would it be should we adopt the name "Timbrophily," at the risk of ruining our speaking apparatus, than to perpetuate the word "philately." Better still would it be to call ourselves simply "stamp collectors," nothing more or less.

#### SOME FACTS.

Among the esteemed friends of the editor is numbered one whose philatelic experience dates back some twenty years. This friend writes: "I note what you say about error 'Queensland' for Queensland, and I want to say to you that I am of the opinion that there never was a genuine error of that manner or style. If any such things appear they are the result of manipulation afterwards, either by skillful erasure or skillful filling in, and a notice of them is only made for the purpose of further fooling the 'advanced philatelists' and getting a price for them. I once saw a 20 cent St. Louis made out of a 5 cent, and which was very skillfully done, but was none the less clearly perceptible to me. I do not think that a single substantial instance of such error exists. As to the 1 franc vermillion France, I must doubt its existence, for I have not been able to see a single copy that any one could call vermillion. I have seen copies which were a little different from the ordinary color, but no vermillion, no way you could imagine, i. e. if the 40c of the same issue is vermillion; nor were these colors materially different from what I could myself, by a simple chemical means, produce. I therefore honestly tell you that while it may be well enough to make believe that

there is 1 franc *vermillion*, in a financial way, it is nevertheless a fiction that has lasted thus long because early incorporated into the constitution of stamp collecting, wherein it is, like Hamburg locals, still retained."



#### A CORRECTION.

In the article concerning Mr. Coster, which appeared in our last, we stated that he had received a medal from the French society for his efforts to classify what he had appropriated from the writings of Messrs. Freeman, Horner and others on the subject of U. S. envelopes. The article was based on information received from a French correspondent, who stated that Mr. Coster would receive the 1880 silver medal. It seems, however, that the society changed its mind on the 13th of January, due probably to the fish diet of the previous Friday, and rewarded Prof. Horner. This is decidedly more satisfactory to all who feel an interest in this tin medal affair, and we congratulate both Prof. Horner and the French society.

We would do Messrs. Scott and Coster a wrong did we not correct a mistake in our former article, caused by a part of the article being omitted by the printer, which made us say that the work on U. S. Locals was severely criticised by the Paris congress. This is a mistake. The work so criticised is entitled "The Semi-Official or Provisional Stamps of the U. S."—a work which Mr. Coster wrote, as usual, with a pair of scissors, aided by a number of articles from various sources. This scissors effort he prefaced with a few observations and sent it to the French society, which bestowed the 1879 medal upon it. That such a rehash should receive a medal from any society is a matter which every American collector ought to complain of, and if the French society has nothing more deserving than this whereon to bestow its favors it had better turn its tin medals into sauce-pans and donate them to the poor.



U. S. Colombia enters the postal union in July next, and the state of Cauca will then issue postage.

We occasionally receive letters containing some very strange requests. They are usually from dealers who, out of charity, we will consider young and inexperienced. These letters painfully remind us that "the fools are not all dead yet," and even if the present stock is dying off, the crop which is now being raised is ample to supply the requirements of the next few generations. The latest of these requests is from a young gentleman who signs himself B. E. Wright. Mr. Wright began operations by sending us what would commonly be called "a supply of taffy." Yes, the heartless and mercenary creature began by saying: "All collectors consider the REVIEW the best stamp journal published. Could he have given us more exquisite pleasure? No. It filled us with such joy that we ordered his letter embalmed or placed in alcohol, as we desired our great-grandchildren to possess it and wonder at their more or less esteemed ancestor.

It is hardly necessary to say that we felt quite bad when we received another letter saying: "I would like a mention to the effect (1) that I am a trustworthy person to send money to, and (2) that the Philatelic Star is the best English paper, and (3) that I am agent for your paper." We felt bad because we were compelled to disappoint one who, in the language of the various psalmists, has thrilled our soul with joy. But it was impossible to comply with this modest request, and we have not answered his letter, desiring to answer it publicly, hoping thereby not only to answer Mr. Wright but others of like ilk who have similar requests to make. We cannot comply with Mr. W.'s first request for the reason that we know nothing about his character. It may be suggested that he is too "fresh" to be dishonest. This is perhaps true, but it is not sufficient evidence. (2) The Philatelic Star is about the worst of all the British papers. The Philatelic Record is the only British journal we deem worth reading, and it is so good that it deserves the support of all our readers. (3) The Central and New England News Co.'s are our only agents. Subscribers who desire to form clubs are entitled to a 25 per cent. commission.

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On April 8th Messrs. Scott & Co., disposed of the stock of a bankrupt dealer by auction sale. The attendance was large, and the prices obtained were about as usual. Not having received a priced catalogue of the sale, we cannot give the prices at which the principal stamps were sold. The following is a partial list of the stamps purchased by us, and will give an idea of the prices obtained:

Buenos Ayres—1 (in) ps blue used, 40 cts.; 2 (dos) ps blue used, 40 cts.

U. S. Colombia, 1860, 1 p rose, 60 cts.; 5, 10, 20 and 50 c, 1864 issue, \$1.00; 5 peso green, 1870, unused, 90 cts.; 10 peso vermilion, 1867, used, \$1.00.

Spain, 1851, 10 r, used, 30 cts.; the five highest values of the 1870 issue, unused, not punched, \$1.25.

Cashmere circular, 5 varieties, unused, \$2.00.

Mexico, Guadalajara, 1868, un r green, 90 cts.; 2 r pink, 75 cts.

Locals, on original letters—New Haven, Hale & Co., 50 cts.; American Letter Mail Co., black, 25 cts.

This was the thirty-fifth of Messrs. Scott & Co.'s popular auction sales. These sales demonstrate that stamps have a commercial value, and assure the collector that money invested in this way can always be realized.

Somebody has got mad again. M. Moens closed a late number of the *Timbre Poste* with a notice that from and after the date thereof and forever more he declines to publish the proceedings of the French Society. The nigger in the woodpile, it appears, is one Dr. Magnus or Dr. Le Grand, or in plain English Dr. Swellhead, who does not deign to consult his associates as the secretaries of societies are wont to do, but has, so to speak, devoured the Society in much the same manner as A. Ward's tiger hurled himself outside of his neighbors. "These facts are so patent," says Moens, "that the French Society for a long time past has generally been designated by the appellation of the Society Le Grand."

Men who are not successful in business often resort to extraordinary methods of advertising, hoping thereby to infuse life into that which lingers but to die. Wm. P. Brown is an illustration of this, and carried it to the extent of going to prison. It appears that in his peregrinations through the Bible he stumbled over the command:

"swear not at all; neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by earth, for it is His footstool. But let your yea be yea and your nay nay, for verily more than these cometh of evil."

This he sought to offer as an excuse for not taking the juror's oath; but Judge Van Hoesen would not be trifled with in such a manner, and sentenced Brown, for criminal contempt, to imprisonment for five days and to pay a fine of \$25. Brown doubtless expected the first and calculated that he would be fifteen meals ahead; but

when the judge added a \$25 fine he broke Brown's heart; for the hearts of hypocritical, creatures like Brown can only be reached through their pocket-books.

As an advertisement it may pay, though we doubt that the sympathy of the weak can be worked upon in this way as in years gone by. For our part we hope the day is not distant when such efforts to obtain notoriety will be regarded as evidence of lunacy and treated accordingly.

♦♦♦  
COSTER.

An old blank book with a lot of local stamps and miscellaneous stuff was recently sold to Dr. Petrie, and is by this time spread over Christendom. This collection was the "celebrated" collection of C. H. Coster, late performer in the philatelic arena; and with his defection and stampic decease we will, with his permission, say a few words in the order of his funeral.

Some nine years ago a young person of sixteen or seventeen years might have been seen hanging around the stamp office of Mr. Scott, in New York. He was a youth of mild manners and general Sunday-school make up. He was of Dutch extraction, and his name was Coster. He was employed in a shipping house and had lately been promoted, and his moral and social position might be summed up in Plinafic verse thusly:

As office boy I made such a mark  
They gave me the post of a junior clerk;  
I wrote the bills of lading with a smile so bland,  
And I copied all the letters in a big round hand,  
I copied all the letters in a hand so free,  
That I became a "writer" on Philat-el-ec.

After a season of hanging around the stamp shop it occurred to the versatile proprietor thereof that Charley, for such was his name, might be made something of; and defying the circumstance that a silk purse cannot be made from a sow's ear, it was determined to make him an "oracle." It is true it was poor material to make such a valuable machine of, but then some good machines are made of mighty poor material; and besides, a first class oracle was not wanted, and he would make a tolerably good stamp oracle for the

reason that stampic critics are not very particular.

He was told to go to work and work up the "U. S. Locals," and he proceeded to do it. He called at the office of Hussey's Post, and obtained access to the file of the New York Directories by owned Mr. Easson, and sublime in his egotism, hardly found time to thank that canny Scot for the privilege. After hunting up the names that appear on several local stamps he proceeded under orders to write up, purely out of his own brain and own true inwardness, the necessary historical notes, all of which were blazoned to the world as the discoveries of Mr. Coster—Mr. C. H. Coster—the great Mr. Coster—the celebrated Mr. Coster—Mr. Coster, the Philatelist—the great Local writer, etc., etc., etc.; and the bulk of the collectorial fraternity, not knowing anything on the subject themselves, naturally supposed the facts were true, and had no idea that they were only the mental pronouncements of a young fellow in a ship broker's office, who had a great deal of conceit and very little brains.

But it was not for American collectors that the "local" articles were thus written up. Far from it. It was Her Britannic Majesty's subjects and a few of the residents of Gaul's enlightened shore that were to have their minds edified and their pockets depleted as a subsidiary result of this local article; and so it was spun out into eternal and everlasting agony, for the benefit of Frank Philbrick, Ph. D., A. S. S., Recorder of Colchester, Q. C., as well as the demented and "doubtful origin" Ferrari. These two people have paid very enormous prices for "locals," but inasmuch as neither of them ever knew the value of money, and are the fortunate owners of inherited wealth, it is the less matter.

Mr. Coster never made a local discovery in his life that was *bona fide*, neither does he know or care anything on the subject, except in so far as it gratifies his overweening vanity to see his name in print and hear himself alluded to as a writer. His facts have been given to him by his employer, and as a proof of his paucity of knowledge, he advertised in the New

York Herald (under an *alias* of course), in 1877, asking for local information, which showed that his knowledge of the subject he was treating was superlatively ephemeral.

Coster is a deception. He does not deal with facts, but prefers the figments of his own brain. He has no sincerity in aught he writes, and his creations are written solely for the purpose of gratifying his pride and that his employer may profit by the noise he makes and the sales of locals to which it may tend. He is purely and solely an important though unseen part of the machinery of Mr. Scott's establishment, and surely it is glory enough for any one man to be

#### A LOCAL ORACLE.

It is therefore well that his collection of locals and material has been sold to a practical, hard headed dealer—and let no one imagine that we desire to convey the inference that Mr. Coster, his conceit and egotism apart, is aught else than a gentleman.

#### GOSSIP.

It is believed that Chili will annex Bolivia and Peru. If this is done it will add two more names to the list of extinct and non-stamp issuing countries.

We are indebted to Mr. Sterling for a specimen of the newly issued Trenton match stamp, 1c blue. The design is quite pretty, containing the arms of the state.

The remains of Sir Rowland Hill were transferred, on the 15th of April, from Surrey Chapel to Newman Hall's church and deposited at the foot of the tower erected to commemorate the abolition of slavery.

The demented but harmless T. W. Chevelley still figures as editor of the F. S. C. J., of which C. H. Nunn is the publisher. The amount of matter in it which is worth reading is indicated by the name of its publisher.

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## NEW ISSUES.

**British Guiana.**—A registered envelope of annexed design is in use. The paper is white, stamp vermilion.



**Bulgaria.**—A five statinli card.

**Chili.**—Postal Union cards, 2cts. brown, 3 cts. vermilion, 4 cts. blue.

**Cyprus.**—The half-penny surcharge on the 1 d. exists in two sizes of type, and the new series is as follows: adhesive,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , 1, 2, 4, 6 piastres; cards,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  piastres; envelope 1 p., wrapper 1 p.

**Denmark.**—6 and 8 ore cards are said to exist with large and small numerals on the stamp. The Copenhagen local post has issued single and double cards.—P. M.

**Dutch Indies.**—The  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cent card surcharged with a large figure 5.

**French Colonies.**—A new series will soon be issued. The values will be: 1c black, 2 brown, 4 violet, 10 black, 15 blue, 20 red, 25 yellow, 30 brown, 35 black on yellow, 40 vermilion, 75 carmine, 1 franc bronze green.

**Greece.**—Mr. Durbin has seen the 5 lepta adhesive without the numeral on back.

**Griqualand West.**—The 3 d. Cape of G. H. has been surcharged with a black G.

**Great Britain.**—Mr. Morley, our agent, has sent us a receipt stamp used as postage, and notified us of new issue of annexed design. Other values will follow.



**Hayti.**—A new series, viz: 1 cent vermilion, 2 purple, 3 brown, 5 green, 7 blue; also a 3 cent card.

**Holland.**—A homely set of unpaid letter stamps, blue frame and black numeral, as follows: 1,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $12\frac{1}{2}$ , 15, 20, 25 cts., and 1 florin with red frame.

**Jamaica.**—"Le Timbre Postes" states that registered envelopes are in use with revenues of the following values attached:  $1\frac{1}{2}$  d. lilac, 3 d. blue; also a provisional 3 d. card.

**Labuan.**—Annexed is the surcharged 8 cts. A card, 4 cts. green on buff, is out.



**Norway.**—Six and 10 ore cards.

**Orange Free States.**—The 5 shillings surcharged "7 d." in black.

**Peru.**—The surcharged stamps now have "Lima" instead of "Peru" at the bottom of oval.—P. M.

**Portugese Indies.**—10 reis orange.

**Roumania.**—Unpaid letter stamps, much like those of Italy—2, 5, 10, 30, 50 and 60 bani.

**Roumelia East.**—Single and double cards.

**Samoa.**—A 9 d. adhesive.

**Servia.**—Cards, 5, 5+5, 10, 10+10, of new type.

**Sweden.**—The 6 ore official card is printed lilac on white.—P. M.

**Tobago.**—1 d. green, and 6 bistre. Design slightly varies.

**Turkey.**—5 paras black and yellow.

**Turk's Island.**—Surcharges,  $\frac{1}{2}$  d. on 1 sh. indigo,  $\frac{1}{2}$  d. on 1 sh. violet, and 4 d., all in two sizes of type.

**U. S. of Colombia.**—We are indebted to Messrs. Rivera & Carvajal for a set of new stamps of the annexed design, issued July 1st. The values are: 1 cent green, 2 vermilion, 5 blue, 10 lilac, 20 black. A two cent vermilion card.



Mr. Durbin says there is a registered stamp, oval, 10 cts. violet.

**Wurtemberg.**—A new set of officials is in preparation.

## MATCH AND MEDICINE STAMPS.

*A List of Match and Medicine Stamps printed on Watermarked Paper, Issued to Jan. 1, 1881.*

REVISED BY J. W. ADEE.

## Medicine Stamps.

[CONTINUED.]

Barry's Proprietary	1	green	Henry, Jno. F.	4	red
Blow, W. T.	1	"	Herrick's Pills (long)	1	black
Brown, Dr. C. T.	1	blue	" Plasters (small)	1	red
" John I. & Son	1	black	Hetherington, J. E.	2	black
" " " "	2	green	" " "	3	"
" Frederick	2	black	Hiscox & Co.	2	"
Bull, Dr. John	1	"	Holman Liver Pad Co.	1	green
" " " "	4	blue	" " " "	4	"
Burdsal, J. S. & Co.	1	white	Home Bitters Co.	2	blue
" " " "	1	yellow	" " " "	3	green
Campion, J. W. & Co.	4	black	Hop	4	black
Cannon & Co.	4	green	Hostetter & Smith	4	"
Centaur Manufg. Co.	1	black	Howe, S. D.	4	blue
" " " "	2	blue	Hoyt, E. W. & Co.	1	black
" " " "	4	vermillion	" " " "	4	"
Clarke, W. E.	3	blue	Hull, S. E. & Co.	1	"
" " " "	6	black	Husband, J. T.	1	red
Comstock, W. H.	1	"	Ingham, H. A. & Co.	1	black
Corning & Tappan	1	"	Jayne, D. & Son	1	blue
" " " "	1	blue	" " " "	2	black
Crittenden, C. N.	1	"	" " " "	4	green
" " " "	2	black	Johnson, I. S. & Co.	1	red
Curtis & Brown (limited)	1	"	" Holloway & Co.	1	black
" " " "	2	"	" " " "	2	green
" Jeremiah & Son	1	"	Kennedy's, Dr. Discovery	2	"
Dalley's Salve	1	"	" " " "	6	black
Davis, Perry & Son	1	blue	Kerr, Dr. J. C.	4	blue
" " " "	2	mauve	Laird, G. W.	3	black
" " " "	4	brown	Lanman & Kemp	2	brown
Father Matthew Temp. Co.	4	black	Lawrence & Martin	4	black
Flanders, A. H.	1	green	Littlefield, Alvah	1	"
Fleming Bros.	1	blue	Lowe, Prof. Preparation	1	"
" " " "	1	black	Lyon Manufacturing Co.	1	"
Fowle, Seth W. & Son	4	"	" " " "	2	"
Green, G. G.	3	"	Mansfield, S. & Co.	1	blue
Hall, R. P. & Co.	4	"	McLean, Dr. J. H.	1	black
Hall & Ruele	1	green	Manhattan Med. Co.	1	purple
" " " "	3	black	Merchant's Gargling Co.	1	black
Hartman, S. B. & Co.	4	"	" " " "	2	green
Harter Family Med. Co.	1	"	Mishler Herb Bitters Co.	4	black
Hazeltine, E. T.	1	"	Mette & Kanne	3	"
" " " "	4	"	Moore, Dr. C. C.	1	red
Helmbold, A. L.	2	blue	" " " "	2	black
" " " "	4	black	N. Y. Pharmacal Association	4	"
Henry, Jno. F.	1	"	Pierce, R. V.	1	green
" " " "	2	blue	" " " "	2	black
			Radcliff's Remedy	2	"
			Radway's Relief	2	"
			Ransom, D. Son & Co.	1	blue
			" " " "	2	black
			Redding Russia Salve	1	"
			Ring's Ambrosia	4	"
			Seabury & Johnson	1	"
			" " " "	1	red



Sands, M. P. J. & H. M.	2 green
Schenek's Pills	1 "
" J. H. & Son	4 black
" Syrup	6 "
Schwartz, J. E. & Co.	1 red
Simmons, Dr. M. A.	1 black
Smith, S. N. & Co.	4 "
Stevens, H. R.	1 brown
" "	2 chocolate
" "	6 black
Swain, Wm.	8 red
Talbot, George	2 "
" "	4 black
Tarrant's Aperient	4 red
Thompson, John D.	1 black
Vogeler, A. & Co.	1 "
" Meyer & Co.	1 red
Walker's Vinegar Bitters	4 black
Weeks & Potter	1 "
" "	2 red
" "	4 black
Wells, Richardson & Co.	4 "
West India Manufacturing Co.	4 "
Wilson, Rev. E. A.	12 blue
Wilder, Edward	1 green
" "	4 brick red
Woodworth, C. B. & Son	1 green
" " "	2 blue
World's Disp. Med. Association	1 green
" " " "	2 black
Wright's Indian Pills	1 green
" R. & G. A.	1 blue
" " "	2 black
" " "	3 brick red
" " "	4 green
Young, Ladd & Collin	1 "
" " "	2 blue
" " "	3 red
" " "	4 brown
Zeilin, J. H. & Co.	2 green

Of the foregoing, Eichele & Co. 1 cent has appeared rouletted.

#### BAMBOOZLED DEALERS.

About eight months ago Messrs. Mattern & Fisher, stamp dealers, in that part of Pennsylvania where the old men still vote for Gen. Jackson, notified us that some youngster of the back woods of Canada had swindled them out of about five dollars worth of stamps, and requested that the aforesaid youngster's name be given

to the world, that he might be avoided like a fetid animal. Space would not permit us at that time to print their little story and its moral, and besides we considered that Messrs. M. & F. were only having their eye teeth out and their little troubles did not in the least interest the philatelic world. We have not troubled to enquire after the facts of this case, but we doubt that M. & F. could thus be cheated if they would refuse to send goods to persons who are utter strangers to them, except upon receipt of a cash deposit large enough to cover any loss. The mere fact that Master D. refers to his supposed father or Sunday school teacher, and parties sailing under these colors reply to letters of inquiry by saying that Master D. is a good honest boy, is no proof whatever of Master D.'s honesty. What assurance have M. & F. that the persons to whom they write are not fictitious characters? If, however, Master D. had referred M. & F. to some well known merchant or banker of their city, to whom they could go and be assured that Master D. is of a good and responsible family, then, and not until then, are they justified in sending goods without a cash security. It must strike the reader who often hears of cases of swindling that most of the young rascals in the country are stamp collectors. This is a mistake. The trouble is that most of the so-called dealers are nothing but youngsters with a few dollars worth of stamps, chuck full of childish simplicity and an ignorance of ordinary business rules that suggests the propriety of relegating them to the nursery at once.

#### THE PORTE DE MAR STAMPS.

We are often asked what the real significance of the Porte de Mar stamps may be, and we are now in a position, thanks to an official communication dated April 16th, to afford the following information: The Porte de Mar stamps were stuck upon the back of correspondence in order that the Post Office at Vera Cruz might be able to certify to the captains of the French and English packets what was the amount of postage to pay on each letter.—*Berlin I. P. Z.*

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### PERSONAL.

U. S.—From Mr. Adee we learn of the following new revenues: Union Match Co., 1c black; Bowers & Dunham (match) 1c blue.

Hard Up.—Moresnet Moens has been elected a member of the London Philatelic Society. They ought to take in old Petrie next, and then drown both of them.

New Papers.—Of the many new papers springing up over the country there are two that will be something more than mushroom sheets. J. G. Murray and C. H. Mekeel & Co., are the publishers.

Blackie.—Dr. G. A. Blackie died at his residence in Nashville, Tenn., on June 19th. He was well known as an ardent collector of many years standing, and his death will be a severe loss to philately.—P. M.

Engravers.—The British Columbia and Vancouver's were engraved by M. Joubert, of London, in the employ of De la Rue & Co. The 10 ct. Confederate was engraved by Mr. Halpin, of the house of Archer & Halpin, Richmond.

Leon.—Mr. Durbin writes concerning the Queensland error that "it is the result of a slip of the engraver's tool, whereby a 'u' is converted into a very respectable 'o,' and still leaves it in such a shape as to show how it has occurred.

Suides.—Hon. Thomas P. Van Buren, the U. S. consul at Kanagawa, Japan, writes: "The applications for stamps are very numerous, and strange to say, not one in a hundred include return postage." The

reason of this is the majority of collectors are thoughtless and inexperienced youngsters.

Bogus.—Young & Stockall, of Liverpool, Eng., are selling counterfeit stamps. Both the president and secretary of the London society have written to them regarding the matter, but have received no reply. Collectors who desire genuine stamps only should not deal with Messrs. Y. & S. hereafter.

Sterling.—Mr. E. B. Sterling sent us for examination an oddity which he discovered among a lot of old documents. It looks as if the head of Washington had been cut out of the 1861 three cent stamp, and then pasted in place again. The stamp from age became detached from the extra piece and left the head. It is an odd thing to pass the mails in that shape.

Geo.—Mr. Geo. W. Rodenberg has been summering in Kentucky—a land renowned for its fine quality of corn juice, and where draw-poker is regarded as the highest accomplishment of the citizen. Whether George went among 'em as a missionary or student we do not know, but we do know that he is going to make the stamp trade hum the coming season.

Record.—It gives us pleasure to state that, judging from the July issue of the *Philatelic Record*, its editor has entirely recovered from the attack of softening of the brain. We sincerely hope every reader of the REVIEW will subscribe for the *Record*, as such an able journal should not be allowed to die for want of support. The *Record* is published by Pemberton, Wilson & Co., 308 Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush, London, W., England.

### A PAGE FROM BILLY BROWN'S DIARY.

It became known to us that Mr. Brown recorded the most important events of his life, and believing that the notes of so important a philatelic character would interest all collectors, we have secured a few pages. In reading this it should be remembered that Mr. Brown is a minister's son.—*Ed. S. C. R.*

And it came to pass that yesterday, after I arose and girdled my loins, I went forth among the multitude, and, behold, one of the servants of the people, called cops, laid in wait for me and spake unto me,

saying: "Yer summonsed to the court of Jidge Van Huesen, and don't yer fergit it."

And I hastened to obey this summons, for he is one of the judges of the people; and when I came before him, lo, he desired me to swear; and I spake unto him, saying: "Master, thou art one of the judges of the people, and it is not right thou shouldst ask this of me, for it is commanded the righteous not to swear."

And he said unto me, "Verily, verily, if thou obeyest not my command I shall have thee confined in one of the dungeons of the city." And I answered him, saying: "Master, my conscience will not permit me to do this; and knowest thou not that it is written the righteous shall be prosecuted?"

And he said unto me, "What is thy occupation?" And I answered: "Master, I deal in Confederate shiuplasters, old stamps, &c."

And when I spake thus he smole a ghastly smile, and when he recovered therefrom he said: "And thou claimest to have a conscience? Thou mockest me." He then commanded one of his servants, saying: "Remove this fool unto the Tombs for five days, and after that hangen to him until he give thee twenty-five large silver pieces—and take none with holes in."

And when I heard this it broke me all up.

We then departed, and as we passed by the multitude we came unto a merchant, a peanut vender, and his fruit was fair to behold. Then I remembered I was journeying with an empty stomach; but I took courage, for did not a sinner named Tanner fast forty days and forty nights? And lo, when we reached the Tombs a miracle was performed, for I was fed, yea even on bread, meat and water was I fed until I was full.

And it came to pass that after I had gorged I grew weary, and an awful vision came unto me, for I had eaten too much. Then I arose from my bed, yea, I did transfer myself to a three-legged stool, and there did I meditate.

And my thoughts wandered to a sinner named Rasmussen, who spake unto the

children of philately, saying: "Behold, that man Brown is a fool!" And, bedad, I think he was right.

Then came one of the scribes, who said unto me: "Knowest thou that the newspapers will crucify thee? Give thyself away to me and I will show thee mercy." Now this scribe's cheek was exceeding great, even six and one-half cubits long. And I told him that I was a wise man of the east, having journeyed thither from India. And when he heard this the garment called vest he rent in twain with laughter. And I said unto him: "Fly, thou scoffer!" And he flew. And behold he did revenge himself in his vile sheet. Verily, thus did he expose me to-day:

"ANOTHER FOOL.

" \* \* \* This person Brown devours an astonishing amount of peanuts, having been known to live on nothing else for several days at a time. \* \* \* He sleeps on a 'shake-down,' preferring it to a bedstead because he cannot break his neck when he rolls out of bed. \* \* \* He insists that he swore but once in his life, and that while rusticated in a New Jersey village. One day there appeared to be a fire in the garret of one of the small houses of the village, and when he reached the scene he found a man with a ladder and several women with pails of water. He offered to hand the water to the man on the ladder if the women would bring it. This was agreed to, and he handed a bucketful to the individual on the ladder. The smoke so confused this man that he drew back, rubbed his eyes a moment, and then took another look. This time he thought he saw the fire through the blinding smoke and dashed his bucket of water at it. The howl and oaths that followed convinced the man that he had mistaken Brown's beard for the fire. \* \* \* "

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The early issues of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were engraved by L. Stanford, London.

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The old English newspaper stamp was abolished in 1870, after an existence of 158 years.

## PHILATELIC RAYS OF LIGHT.

"Truth written with a ray of light,  
Is truth made obviously plain."

Mr. Willard K. Freeman, who has been traveling abroad, recently attended a meeting of the London Philatelic Society, where he explained the method he has adopted for mounting envelopes and post cards. I am happy to state that Mr. Freeman was most kindly received. The London society was doubtless aware that in honoring Mr. Freeman they not alone bestowed honor where honor is due, but honored him as the representative of the best element of American stamp collectors, and their kind attention to Mr. Freeman is most gratifying to that element. As Mr. Freeman's method of mounting envelopes and cards has never been described in an American journal, I copy the excellent description which appeared in the *London Record*.

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"The material used by Mr. Freeman is that very thin but tough paper called Bank Post; but we should be inclined to recommend as being better, especially for heavy envelopes, the thin glazed calico which is used instead of tracing paper. The collector, having chosen his material, should get it cut into strips of a quarter inch in breadth, by his stationer, and then proceed as follows: Set the envelope or card before you just as you wish it to appear in your album, or on whatever you are accustomed to mount your specimens. Place one of the strips beneath the envelope, leaving half an inch protruding beyond the lower edge. Turn this piece A up over the envelope, fold it straight, and hold it firmly whilst the longer portion of the strip is brought over the front of the envelope, and folded so as to exactly overlap the first half inch. Carry the strip over to the back of the envelope again, and cut it off at a length corresponding with the first fold. The strip will now be folded at A, B, and C. The back of A and the front of C are then gummed together, care being taken that the gum does not touch the paper beyond the limits of the fold A, and D

is left a loose flap, to form the hinge by which the envelope is ultimately mounted. A second strip is then prepared in exactly the same manner, and the two are laid aside, with the envelope they are destined to mount, until the muelage is thoroughly dry and firm. When this is the case, the two strips have become bands, with an overlapping hinge D, which is to be folded over the joining at A-C, and which, when gummed to the sheet, is invisible except when the envelope is turned down to admit of the reverse side being inspected. Fasten the bands far enough apart to show the stamp upon the envelope after it has been slipped between them. When this has been done it will scarcely ever be necessary to remove the envelope, since, by turning it over on the hinge, all that is noticeable on the reverse side, such as the tress, watermark, gum, silk threads, or portions of inscriptions, can readily be seen and yet the envelope has nothing whatever adhering to it. Cards or envelopes can be mounted in this way so as to overlap each other as closely as may be desired.

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It is with some reluctance that I criticise the methods of such an experienced collector as Mr. Freeman, but I believe his method is not without fault. It will be noticed that the "hinge" is fastened to the page at the bottom instead of the top of the envelope, thus requiring the greatest care in handling to prevent the envelope from flopping face side down. The objection to hinging them at the top is that but two or three specimens can be fastened to a page. This method is doubtless the best for post cards that has yet been suggested, but I much prefer Mr. Durbin's plan for mounting envelopes—which is to make a cut the length of an envelope, in which the flap of the envelope is inserted. Quite a number can be mounted on a page by simply multiplying the cuts, thusly, ———, leaving a space the size of the stamp between each cut and inserting the bottom of the envelope as well as the flap, and if the page or sheet is cut so that the envelopes fit snugly it will be unnecessary to gum the flap. Envelopes mounted in this way present a neater appearance than by

Mr. Freeman's method, are more easily mounted, and can be as well examined.

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Mr. Durbin reprinted a mangled version of what one of my friends had to say in my last concerning bogus errors and shades, and finished by saying "This will cause the advanced collector to smile." Just how much he will smile Mr. Durbin does not inform this suffering generation of philatelists, perhaps for the excellent reason that he suspects they don't care a continental how ghastly or prolonged the aforesaid smile may be. However, I will call the attention of Mr. Durbin and the readers of his *Monthly* to the following extract from the *London Record*, the "advanced collectors'" organ:

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"The fraudulent manipulator of stamps, as distinguished from the forger, pure and simple, is even a more dangerous reptile, and less easily scotched. He has a genuine stamp to work upon, and has only to supply the comparatively slight missing detail which converts it from a common stamp into a rarity. This is the benefactor who provides us with *Susse* and other perforations; *roulettes*; stamps cut in half and used at half their facial value; surcharges, *rare shades*, and other delicacies."

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When I began to issue the *REVIEW* regularly, I decided that a column of items and gossip concerning dealers would interest my readers, and to this end solicited personal and business items from various dealers. Of course I did not include those who did not support the *REVIEW*, as it would be unfair to those who had advertised and shown a genuine interest in the *REVIEW* to give free notices to those who had not. I am now afraid I shall be compelled to discontinue the "Personal" column, as I receive so many extraordinary notices to publish, that to do so would convince collectors that I am as great an ignoramus as—well, say the editor of the *New Jersey Philatelist*.

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Speaking of this youngster, does it not strike the reader that he and his associates have been fearfully neglected? Or do

they think that if they were to show their appreciation of the brilliancy and intelligence of the lads, by raising a subscription and rewarding them in a becoming manner, that there might be a panic in the leather market in consequence of the quantity consumed in the manufacture of large size medals.

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I have before me a circular from Mr. R. R. Bogert announcing that his journal is a thing of the past. I was sincerely sorry to learn this, though I had expected it, as the *World* was too dull and heavy, to interest that class of collectors who support journals. They admire and support the *REVIEW* because it tells them the truth concerning philatelists in a fearless manner, and its articles are not of that kind from which relief is obtained by sleep. I do not want my readers to infer from this that the *World* was not worthy of support; quite the contrary, it was ably and carefully edited, but—about ten years behind the times.

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Mr. F. Breitfuss, of the London Society, contributed an article to the *Timbre-Postes* entitled "An Enquiry Into the Authenticity of the Finland Envelopes of 1845 and 1850"—an enquiry which results in the condemnation of the 10 kop., *red*, and 20 kop., *black*, of 1845, and the 20 kop., *black*, of 1850, as bogus. Mr. Breitfuss asserts, first, that there exists no trace of any official document amongst the records of the Senate of Helsingfors referring to the issue of these envelopes; second, there is no mention of their issue, nor specimen of them, in the archives of the St. Petersburg Post Office, although decrees of new issues, and specimens of the stamps decided upon are invariably sent there by the Finnish authorities; third, the officials at St. Petersburg declare that although they knew of the existence of these fancy envelopes, they also knew them to be fictitious. The *Record* says that as high as \$500 has been paid for some of these envelopes by advanced lunatics—I think this is the proper name—and I have no doubt the possessors of them would like to see Mr. Breitfuss in shades without ice-water for making known the above.

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## ANOTHER SWINLE.

It is a question whether there are more collectors who have neither money or brains than collectors who have money and no brains. The former are quite plentiful on this side of the herring-pond, while the latter appear to flourish best in the congenial society of snobbery and aristocracy which exists in the British Isles. Whenever our wise and knowing dealers have a "rare thing" to sell it is invariably sent to England, for the reason that there are more fools and fat pocket-books there than in any other country under the sun. Of the American dealers who regard England as an Eldorado none are so well posted as Dr. J. A. Petrie, of Brooklyn. He knows where to place every rarity, and can tell to a dollar just how much his victim will allow himself to be bled for that rarity. In fact the doctor understands human nature in general and the fools he deals with in particular. But, as smart as the doctor is, he occasionally gets caught. The government caught him cleaning its revenue stamps, and went for him in a way which the rurals describe as "lickety brindle." Collectors have caught him in many little tricks that are reprehensible, to say the least; and now he has been caught again. He went to England last month to dispose of some of his rarities, and it was deemed a favorable oppor-

tunity by a Mr. D. P. Lindsley to issue a circular headed "Caution to Collectors," wherein he accuses the doctor of counterfeiting, and warns collectors against his wares.

Mr. Lindsley is the editor of the *Rapid Writer*, and his relation to philatelists is simply that of bosom friend of Wm. P. Brown, late of Ludlow Street jail. He uses Mr. Brown's office as his sanctum, shares his "shake-down" and eats his peanuts. This entitles him to the confidence and consideration of stamp collectors, but it will be seen that Billy Brown is really the power behind the throne to whom collectors are indebted for this warning, the substance of which is as follows:

"Accompanying this is a photograph of tracings from two envelopes purporting to have affixed the local Confederate stamps of Greenville, Alabama. Of these No. 1 has upon it a genuine 10c. Greenville stamp, uncanceled, but which has passed through the post, and bearing the genuine Greenville postmark. No. 2 has upon it an imitation 10c. Greenville stamp and counterfeit Greenville postmark. \* \* \*

"The envelope marked No. 2 was sold by Dr. Petrie to a collector in the United States for 100 dollars, and we presume that he has sold duplicates to many collectors in Europe.

"At first thought it will seem strange that a forgery could be palmed off successfully at such prices, but when studied in the way becomes plain.

"It is probable that Dr. Petrie obtained a genuine Greenville 10 c. stamp, which had previously been unknown to collectors. To sell it for 100 dollars or more would have been easy enough for a unique specimen; but by producing a skillful forgery, a dozen could be sold at from 50 to 100 dollars each, and by hiding from view the original, no one would even suspect the fraud. \* \* \*

"But unfortunately for this scheme another original is discovered. To the manager of St. Louis forgeries it would be a superfluity; he tries to buy it at a moderate price, to get it out of the way, but is overbid; and the sending of this circular to warn collectors to investigate what they are purchasing is the result."

Between bogus Finland and Don Carlos envelopes, and counterfeit locals, the British collector and his pocket-book are having a hard time of it.

## TWO CRITICISMS.

A story came to us from England not many months ago, that upon a certain rainy afternoon a number of gentlemen accidentally met in the office of Pamberton, Wilson & Co. Of course the topic of conversation was stamps, and just as they were about to depart it turned upon Tim W. Chevely, an erratic Irishman who is suffering with softening of the brain. One of the gentlemen happened to remark that softening of the brain was contagious, whereupon all exclaimed "Oh! horrors! 'ow awful!" and Mr. Wilson—brave philatelist that he is—immediately wrote a note to poor Chevely informing him that he must never darken his door again. Now, this note was all Greek to Chevely, and as he is far more familiar with ancient whiskey than ancient languages he doubtless called upon Mr. Wilson for an explanation. This and the fact that softening of the brain is contagious become apparent upon reading the June number of Mr. Wilson's *Record*. That number contained an alleged criticism of the *REVIEW*, which opens with the rather vague assertion that the *REVIEW* "is a somewhat irregular publication in more ways than one." It then says:

"Although we would not willingly miss it from amongst our exchanges we cannot divest ourselves of the opinion that the editor is a bold, bad man."

Holy jumping jeeswax! is it possible? A dollar to be within kicking distance of our vilifier, alas! perhaps but to give two not to be so near. These were our first thoughts, but before we could kick over our chair and yank off our collar our eyes caught the words—

"He writes with a pen that is wonderfully like the one S. Allan Taylor used to wrestle with."

These words were like oil poured on troubled waters, for whether intentional or not it was the greatest compliment that could have been paid to us, as Mr. Taylor is without doubt the most forcible and brilliant writer that ever wasted time over philatelic literature.

Apropos of Mr. Taylor, whose name has been dragged into print by our contemporary, we may mention that some time ago we addressed a note to a few of the leading

philatelists of this country, begging their candid opinion of the *REVIEW*, to offset the volume of "taffy" we were receiving from collectors. Mr. Taylor was one of the gentlemen whose opinion we solicited, and his reply will not be altogether out of place and will certainly interest our readers, coming as it does from the oldest stamp dealer and publisher in the U. S.:

"In reply to your query regarding the *REVIEW*, I have only to say that it is a waste of time and money. Your style and diction are certainly superior to anything that stamp collectors have ever had given them, but it is like casting pearls, &c., to take pains to write such material for such a set of misguided idiots as the stamp lovers are. I remember some one telling me that you were the correspondent of the —, and that that journal had commended you. I hope it is true, as it is field better worth your time and mine than such nonsense as stamp literature. Stamp writing, if serious, is about five years behind the times and is not worth doing; so take my counsel and devote your printing to good price lists, cards, &c., calculated to bring in financial advantage, and leave stamp literature to the babies."

This is Mr. Taylor's opinion of stamp literature, and certainly there is much truth in what he says.

The *Record's* critic next says:

"We have no doubt that our friend's bark is much worse than his bite; but he does bark awfully. We are convinced that he would not like us to believe one title of the villainies he ascribes to his philatelic compatriots."

We certainly have the right, without being accused of "barking," to speak of our "philatelic compatriots" as we find them, and our friend of the *Record* should remember that we have said nothing concerning American philatelists which has ever been denied. But, evidently, he would rather see

"Truth forever on the scaffold,  
Wrong forever on the throne."

He next says:

"We forgive him freely and fully for his sinful misstatements regarding the Philatelic Society of London as a body, and we feel sure that he would speak more respectfully of individual members of it if he really knew anything about them."

To forgive sins that have not been committed is a matter not even suggested by the revised Testament, and we cannot therefore but admire the overpowering benevolence of our friend. Our readers well know that the president of the society is the only individual member that has

been mentioned, and he was only spoken of as a gentleman of inherited wealth. All we have said of the society was that their various discoveries might be traced to excessive draughts of bitter beer—and we have no doubt that the *Record's* article concerning us owes its origin to the same cause. If we felt inclined to devote space to British philatelists we might mention the absurd expedition of Raffallowich and a person named Tapling, who went forth to report the names of the stationers and toy-shop keepers of Regentstreet who had among their wares imitation stamps at a half penny each, so that the mighty and wonderful Philatelic Society could suppress them. This same Raffallowich, while in New York was engaged in hawking books in houses of ill-fame and lived in questionable places. We might also have written a little chapter about W. D. Atlee, who served a term in Dartmoor prison for swindling an insurance company.

We assure the *Record* there is sufficient "crookedness" among British philatelists to form many an entertaining article, but we have considered it a subject that does not concern American collectors and have therefore not touched it. Thus we might continue to criticize the *Record's* article, but space forbids it. Sufficient to say that the influence and circulation of the REVIEW can never be affected by such stuff as appeared in the *Record*, and which would never have been noticed had it not appeared in the leading stamp journal of Great Britain.

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So much for Mr. Heim. It is hardly reasonable to suppose a man so devoted to the feeling of self-respect as to submit without a protest to being classed among the Percots, Casey's, &c. Therefore we were not surprised to receive the above letter. We are well aware that it requires a boldness thing to try to rob a man of his good name—the most valuable thing which he possesses. It is well known we have never been guilty of, but when a man sacrifices that good name for a mass of postage, we have no sympathy for him, nothing but a feeling of disgust, and if he is a dangerous man we warn our friends that they avoid him as we do. Casey, Percot, and even myself this and Mr. Heim wishes to avoid this fate, for a night, and we must respect anyone who sends his good name.

In the February number of *The Review* we said: "Mr. Heim has a pond full of three-inch round stones." Our publisher writes us: "Mr. Morley, who contacted Mr. Heim in the *St. Louis Herald-Gazette*," and who made strong objections to our saying of that nature. "He says it is not impossible to mislead the postage collector from getting the like Mr. Heim's was," justly to say, "what we did not say." Mr. Morley's words are

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The course of pliancy is such that it commands itself especially to the mind and conscience of the young, and it is for this reason that a vast majority of the philatelic journals which have existed are unscrupulously pilfered by young boys and young gentlemen and their duty or complicity in the wrongs of those whose support they sold to.

There are few journals that were a boon to our hobby, were too scrupulous, dry and dignified to make them acceptable to the majority of collectors, i. e. the youth, but yet they speak when they were a willing and have contented by their exposure of our daily "copy" abuse and our capacity for them when others were making a name for us. To give a portion of our work in *THE REVIEW* a group among the articles of instruction and pleasure among collectors and friends was a thing we could not refuse to bring into our publication and not withdraw. In this we appreciate much of their courage and our success. Our promise for the future need only be our assurance that we shall continue to do our duty to the best.

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In the February number of THE REVIEW we said, "Mr. Heim has a poor lot of things which he calls reprints." Our authority for this was Mr. Morley, who spoke of Mr. Heim in the "Stamp Dealer's Gazette," and of certain stamps he was selling, and said, "Dealers should be very careful in buying of this person." It is certainly impossible to mistake this language and coming from a gentleman like Mr. Morley we were justified in saying what we did. Certainly Mr. Morley would not make

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The nature of philately is such that it commends itself especially to the mind and fancy of the young, and it is for this reason that a vast majority of the philatelic journals which have existed are amateurish affairs, edited (?) by boys too young to understand their duty or comprehend the wants of those whose support they solicited.

The very few journals that were a credit to our hobby, were too scientific, dry and high priced to make them acceptable to the majority of collectors, i. e. the youth, but we have seen wherein they were wanting and have profited by their experience, and to-day occupy, alone and undisputed, the field which others were unable or feared to till. To give a journal like THE REVIEW a proper impetus in the direction of influence, and therefore longevity, spiciness and fearlessness are absolutely necessary, virtues which those who are worthy of being called our predecessors, did not understand. To this we attribute much of their failure and our success. Our promises for the future need only be an assurance that we shall continue as we have in the past.

### THE FOREIGN STAMP DEALERS.

A correspondent, who is also a stamp dealer of eminence, and who had previously entertained a profound respect for the greatness of the stamp business abroad as compared with its microscopic proportions in the U. S., has lately had his ideas disenchanted by a visit to England and to continental Europe. We append an extract from his letter detailing his philatelic researches among the dealers in the dominions of the effete despotisms:

"\* \* \* \* After arriving in Liverpool, in pursuance of my determination when I left New York, I made a call on the advertising dealers. The first call I made was on Ridpath. I found, instead of the stamp store with plate glass windows which I had seen in New York, and which I knew would surely be surpassed in Liverpool, an office up stairs—a nice, decent place enough, but utterly unlike my anticipations. It had windows arranged somewhat after the style of a post-office or bank. One was an "enquiry" window, and another was devoted to other purposes, while a door at the further end admitted special and particular customers—a definition which I ascertained meant the sons of persons of rank and distinction, who are esteemed by the English shopkeeper as being by virtue of their rank naturally entitled to much more favor and attention than the ordinary public. I need not tell you that that idea grated harshly on my American sensibilities.

"On leaving Ridpath's I called at Young & Stockall's, and found a small office with a smart boy in charge, who informed me that all correspondence was received there, but that no stamps were to be had, as they were all kept at the residence of one of the firm, who resided in some suburban place a short distance from the city.

"I then spent an afternoon in looking up two or three other parties whose circulars (wholesale and retail) I had seen, but only succeeded in finding a few stamps on a sheet in a small stationery store, the proprietor of which informed me that the dealer could not be seen except by an arranged interview on special business: but that he received all his letters there, and he would gladly take

my order, to be sent free of charge to any hotel in Liverpool, and for a penny extra to any place in the United Kingdom. In the other places I found, although the advertisements are loudly announced in the stamp dealers' directories and stamp papers, only residences where the 'dealer' could not be seen, but did all his business by mail. This was not at all what I expected, but I felt sure when I got to London that I would then see the grand stamp depots and dealers.

"After reaching London and seeing the sights of that gigantic metropolis for a few days, I sought the stamp depots, and I found Mr. Lincoln at his place in Holborn, a good business street. Mr. Lincoln had stamps, plenty of them. He was a gentleman of convivial looking countenance, indicating a familiarity with the British national diet of 'alf-and-'alf, but Mr. Lincoln was not nearly so convivial as he looked. On the contrary he was grim and conservative, and on my remarking that I would like to have a dozen or more stamps of a particular kind he became absolutely frigid, and declined to sell stamps to 'dealers.' I remonstrated, but no: he was immovable, and declined to sell.

"'I sell only to collectors,' was the reply of this peculiar Briton, 'and don't do anything in selling for peddling purposes.'

"Now, think of that, 'youthful American philatelic merchants,' and thank Providence that you live in a land where you can usually buy things for your money, and where your money is as good as any other man's, and be happy that it is not greatly to your credit that you are Englishmen.

"I left Holborn, and then sought the place that is familiar to stamp collectors not only throughout the British Isles, but wherever the English language is spoken. I found the familiar number given on their catalogue to be a quiet looking private residence on a highly respectable but old-fashioned street, and I thought there must be some mistake. I looked again, but the number corresponded beyond doubt, and it must be the place. I rang the bell and the door was opened. I made an apologetic inquiry, and was answered that this was the place. I walked in and found myself in a decent looking apartment furnished with desk and chairs some-

what like the waiting room of a physician in good practice.

"What was my business? Why, to see and buy a few stamps, of course.

"Ah, beg pardon," was the reply, 'we don't sell any stamps here, ah. This is not a shop, ah. You can get a catalogue, price 6d., and you can leave your order and it will be mailed to your address by the first mail. We don't sell stamps here, ah. This is an office, you know.'

"I confess here to a sudden realization of the fact that I was demoralized and discomfited beyond measure. My vision in my mind's eye of the stamp collectors with their treasured albums under their arms, passing in and out of the great stamp emporium—of the clerks with urbane smiles waiting on the philatelists; of the possible presence of some of these charming lady philatelists of whom we have often read but whom nobody ever saw; of the express delivery Co. receiving and delivering stamp parcels from and to all parts of the world; of the postman loaded down with philatelic correspondence and treasure; of the various departments of Adhesives, Envelopes, Fiscals and Locals, all appropriately designated by signs and presided over by a special attendant; of the wealth of collectorial treasures in frames for inspection; of the cashier's office, where the head of the firm could be seen storing up wealth—all this and much more that I had pictured in my mind had to resolve itself into the baseless fabric of a dream. I felt sad, and all the more so that I had, long before I left America, been told how I would find it in the reality.

"I left without buying any catalogue, and I looked up some other dealers, but after getting to remote places—for London is very large—I found the inevitable stationery store, in care of the proprietor of which the dealer conducts his business, and for some reason not very apparent the average Englishman seems to be afraid to confess that he is a stamp dealer.

"As I left the famous establishment I noted a conveyance (a dog cart they call it in England) drive up. It contained a youth of seventeen, evidently the son of one of the degenerate British aristocracy, attended by a liveried flunkey. The door was opened

for him, and judging by the period he remained he evidently was permitted to purchase stamps—a felicity which is denied to the ordinary common people—and I remembered that a nobleman and a nobleman's son are in England quite superior beings, and not at all to be mentioned in the same breath with common people.

"I left England soon after, and the next point was Rotterdam. On the continent stamps are kept by nearly all stationery stores, probably left on commission by young boys. There were no dealers other than the stores who could be found, although I had the addresses of several.

"Next I stopped at Brussels, the Belgian capital, and as Moens, whom the stamp papers are accustomed to call the 'prince of philatelists,' kept there, I determined to see his sublime highness. I made my way to the Galerie Bortier, and found Mr. Moens' stall or stand in a large building which is gotten up after the fashion of a market, where all the tenants are covered by one common roof. Mr. Moens, prince of philatelists, I found to be a dealer in books, of which he seemed to have a goodly supply. On my mentioning stamps, for I could see none, I was told they were in the up stairs department, and a spiral staircase of infirm structure was shown me as the tortuous way to ascend to the philatelic heaven, which was a room about the size of a large packing case, directly over the stall. The door of this stampy department is kept locked, however, except when a customer (I was going to say victim) happens along, who looks as if he had any money and is courageous enough to venture up the corkscrew staircase.

"I next stopped at Paris, and made it my business to call on Mons. Roussin, the publisher of the 'Philatelic Ami.' To my surprise I found no cozy office with a literary gentleman engaged in the midst of stamp literature, but was informed I could see M. Roussin before 8 A. M. and after 6 P. M., he being a clerk in a retail establishment of some sort. Another of the Paris dealers I found to be a clerk in a pawnbroker's place; and altogether I became very sadly but none the less surely convinced that Philately, philatelists and philatelic dealers, and in

general philatelic things of all sorts and varieties, lose none of their attributes by being viewed from a distance. New York, Boston or Philadelphia can, according to population, make a much better showing as far as stamp-dealing business is concerned, than can either London or Paris. It necessarily follows that there are more collectors proportionately in America, but I am of the opinion that the European collectors buy more than the American, although their numbers are fewer.

I cannot speak for Germany, but I am assured that the conditions there are essentially the same, and that philately, in a business sense, has a good deal more importance in the United States than in the European countries is a matter which, to me, does not admit of a doubt.

#### THE STAMPS OF GRIQUALAND.

This is a subject on which but little light has been shed by the stars which spasmodically illuminate the philatelic arena, and we pen this with a feeling of inability to do justice to the subject—to treat it in the same brilliant manner that our brethren of the London Society are capable of—and our limited means will not enable us to pursue a course of fish and beer study necessary to the production of such phenomenal brains as possessed by the higher class of advanced philatelic luna—or rather luminaries. Therefore we do not hope to rival or equal their efforts. For this reason, also, this article does not claim completeness.

It will be remembered that the issues of Griqualand are but the stamps of Cape of Good Hope surcharged with various sizes and styles of the letter "G," a few bearing two letters "G. W.," but a vast majority bearing only the letter "G," and the way it is spread out and thrown around would strike terror to the heart of any thing but the Goddess of Hope. Even the poor lone sheep which straddles the anchor comes in for a share of the bad treatment, and with characteristic meekness submits to being hit in the eye with a big "G." What necessity there was for this

surcharging nothing but an alcoholic imagination can conceive, unless we regard it as a deal in the interest of the Griqualand treasury; and when we explain that there are about thirty kinds, of which not less than 1,000 of each were sold to stamp dealers, or over \$20,000 worth, it will be seen that there is both sense and cents in their lunacy.

The first Cape stamp was surcharged in 1877 with "G. W.," followed a few months later by a large red "G" and next a black one, then with a regard for order worthy of better things, little "G's" follow big "G's". But ere long the Stamp Master General became tired of doing them all one way or else after taking a few pots of beer did not know which side of the table he had worked at and managed to get on the opposite side and, being in that blissful state of mind when a man don't care a darn for consequences, he proceeded for the remainder of the day to stick on the "G" up side down. We suspect that he next took something besides beer and that the two did not associate together without a disturbance. In no other way can we account for the double "G's" which followed the upside down specimens. With refreshing indifference he next issued them in different colors, with different shaped letters and in different parts of the stamp. This last is a matter which must fill the heart of the advanced collector with gratitude, for remember the advanced collector is not content with one variety, but like Col. Sellers he seeks millions.

For the benefit of our more humble brethren who do not collect so many of a kind we will describe a few of the varieties we have seen and which they may not have seen. On one the "G" is hung around Mrs. Hope's neck like a huge yoke. On another it is soaring through the sky like a comet doubled up with a stomach ache. On the next Mrs. Hope appears to be "practicing for a circus" by carrying a "G" on her nose. On another it does duty as a bracelet, while on a fifth she appears to be grazing on the upper edge of a red "G". But we have not the space to describe the thousand and one positions of the "G," all of which are deemed rare va-



rities by certain advanced collectors, and it is for these our more scientific brethren who glory in such oddities as accidental paper and gum varieties, bung, spool and blacking box labels, that our article is especially written.

#### REGARDING PENITENTIARY ASPIRANTS.

Among the small insects that hover around the philatelic lamp like mosquitos in summer-time, there is a set named Taussig, Hagemeyer, and Otto something. They reside on the edge of the New Jersey sand-banks and publish a little sheet which illustrates the fatuity of beings of the philatelic order of lunacy to regularly waste good clean paper.

We have never suggested that this harmless diversion should be denied them, though we have regularly submitted to the additional labor of consigning three copies per month to the waste basket. The wrath over this waste of time gave way to feelings of sympathy for the rest of philatelic-kind who were also afflicted with their sheet, but even this didn't appear so bad after we were informed that the price of waste paper was on the rise, and we should have remained silent had not these youngsters sprung a little game whereby they attempted to swindle those who may be as simple as themselves.

In September we received a circular announcing that these youngsters had formed a "Publishing Association," and solicited shares at \$10 each. We need hardly point out that if they could find fifty or one hundred fools with \$10 each, they could continue their little sheet for quite a time. Of course the scheme proved a failure. Every school boy knows that it is illegal for minors to organize a stock company—as there is no security for money invested with them. It is also necessary for every stock association to possess a charter from the secretary of state to conduct business legally, and an association of minors cannot be incorporated. Not knowing but what these youngsters had been dishonest enough to use the names of older acquaintances and

thus obtain a charter, we wrote to the Secretary of State of New Jersey and the following is his reply:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY.  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.  
TRENTON, September 17, 1881.

MR. J. C. RASMUSSEN, Davenport, Iowa:  
*Dear Sir:*—Your favor of the 13th inst. is received. In reply I beg leave to say that I do not know anything of the organization referred to. It is not incorporated under the laws of this state and if it has any legal status I have no official knowledge of it.

Yours very truly,  
HENRY KELSEY,  
Secretary of State.

Thus it will be seen that Masters Hagemeyer, Taussig, Otto and Muller are too young and ignorant to understand how to work their little scheme properly, but the fact remains that they are trying to swindle foolish boys out of ten dollars. We fear that unless they are immediately looked after by their parents they will find themselves behind prison bars, like young Bruce, instead of under the sheltering roof of an asylum where they properly belong.

#### PHILATELIC RAYS OF LIGHT.

*"Truth written with a ray of light,  
Is truth made obviously plain."*

A young collector aspiring to editorial fame calls attention to his venture and himself—especially himself—by saying, "I will circulate free among collectors." Now I can imagine nothing more horrible than one of these young philatelic lunatics being permitted to circulate among the unprotected youths of this country. If he meant that he intended to circulate his paper free that would be a terrible affliction, heaven knows, but to have *him* circulate, that would be too awfully awful.

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My readers will remember that I published in the May number a portion of a very interesting letter wherein, among other things, the writer doubted the existence of the alleged 1 fr. *vermillion* France, and said that he had seen copies that were a little different to the ordinary color, but by no means *vermillion*. Mr. Durbin now asks me if I am prepared to argue that it is bogus because I have not seen it. Mr. Durbin should remember that I claimed nothing in the matter, but simply pub-

lished the statement of a gentleman who is considered excellent authority by philatelists on both sides of the herring pond. Let me suggest to Mr. Durbin that it is now in order for him, after remembering that this is a world of uncertainty and color-blindness, to assure me that he knows which of the red pigments is an unadulterated vermilion, and that he has seen a pure vermilion 1 fr. which he knows is not a changeling.

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The fact of the matter is that Mr. Durbin and his class—which is pretty much every one who lives by supplying the rich collectors who buy at foolish prices—cannot abide anything that is calculated to make the rich stamp-mad person pause to think for a moment over his purchases or to see the folly of these quibbling variations, and how he may have been imposed upon, and as *THE REVIEW* is purchased by almost all collectors, Mr. Durbin saw it would do no good to let this pass unchallenged; but Mr. Durbin must make out a better case to convince me that my friend is in error.

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During May, 1880, it was announced that Russia might henceforth be classed among the nations where surcharged postage stamps are deemed one of the principal products of the country, and that she had entered the ranks by surcharging a number of eight and ten kopee envelopes, seven kopee. Most collectors accepted them as genuine and regarded the matter as an effort of the postoffice department to raise the wind. I imagine quite a number hoped that the official who had undertaken the job would be suspected of Nihilistic sympathies and yanked into eternity ere he could inflict us with any number of varieties. Others, however, regarded these surcharges with considerable suspicion, principally because they were first announced by Moens, the father of the Moresnet swindle. The *London Record*, which usually swallows everything, did not mention them until last February. There were collectors, however, who before that time were willing to swear to their evangelical character from the roof of a bible house. Eventually it appeared

that Moens had nothing to do with these envelopes and in the July issue of his paper he stated the twenty kopee envelopes, now obsolete, were surcharged seven kopee, as the eight and ten kopee had been, and further, that instead of this having reduced the price of the envelope to seven kopee, it was impossible to buy these altered envelopes except at the old price, twenty kopees. It did not occur to the *Timbre Postes* that this was an evidence of their falsity, that some enterprising philatelist was perhaps producing them, and if so he could not well charge less than what he was paying for the envelopes before he added his labore thereto. I am now able to prove that they are what I suspected, a swindle, and the proof is before me in the shape of a letter from the Hon. Edgar Stanton, Consulate General, St. Petersburg, who under date of September 2nd, 1881, writes: "No seven kopee envelopes are in use, and they have consequently a fictitious value." In other words they are a humbug. Who made them is unimportant. It is fit, though, that it has remained for *THE REVIEW* to be the first to ascertain their true character.

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I also wish to say a word regarding the recent numerous surcharges of Turks Island. I have before me a letter from the Hon. J. C. Crisson, Postmaster, Turks Island, which states that no more surcharged stamps were being issued and none were on hand. Soon after receiving this letter the *London Record* came to hand stating that a fresh supply of different types had just been issued and that the varieties were now too numerous to name. If this last batch were not made in England or Brussels then they were shipped from Turks Island on the same steamer which carried the postmaster's letter claiming that none had lately been issued. I cannot for a moment entertain the idea that the Postmaster of a British colony would tell a lie for a set of English stamp peddlers, nor am I prepared to face their everlasting wrath and profanity by calling them a set of swindlers, but if Mr. Crisson will vouchsafe me a little information on this subject I will give the same to the philatelic public in my next.

## NEW ISSUES.

In a journal of this kind, appearing quarterly, it is impossible to give but a brief notice of newly issued stamps. Collectors who desire an elaborate description we beg to refer to Durbin's Monthly, Stanley Gibbons' Philatelic Record, or Whitfield King's Philotypist.



CYPRUS.—30 paras or 1 penny. Post-cards  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1 and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  piastres.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The 3 d. stamp no longer bears the surcharge 3.

COSTA RICA.—A new series is announced, as follows: 5, 10, 25 and 50 cts.: 1, 2 and 3 dollars.—P. M.

CAPE VERDE.—The colors of the 10, 40 and 50 reis have been changed to green, orange and blue respectively.

GUATEMALA.—The following surcharges are out: 1 cent on  $\frac{1}{4}$  real, 5 on  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 20 on 2.



HAYTI.—20 ct. red-brown.

INDIA.—A registered envelope. The color is orange.—P. M.

NORWAY.—Thronhjems card, 3 ore.

PARAGUAY.—A 10 centavos is out, and has already met with the surcharges 1, 2 and 4.—P. M.

PERU.—The 1, 2 and 4 unpaid letter stamps have been surcharged "Union Postal Universal, Plata Lima."



PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—The last  $2\frac{1}{2}$  c de peso surcharged 2 c de peso.

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—The 10 reis of the obsolete type 5 in black,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  real in red, and the new type as follows:  $4\frac{1}{2}$  on 20, 6 on 20, 1 tanga on 200 reis, 2 on 200, 4 on 50, 6 on 25, 8 on 20, 8 on 200.

St. DOMINGO.—Wrappers, etc.

TOBAGO.—1 d. brown-violet, 1 sh. yellow brown,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  d. card.

TURK'S ISLAND.—4 d. blue and an inexhaustible number of surcharges.

U. S. COLOMBIA.—Cards, 2 vermillion, 5 brown; 50 centavos, 1 peso.



URUGUAY.—5c envelope, green on white; 7c adhesive, blue.

VICTORIA.—2 sh. blue.

## U. S. LOCAL STAMPS.

Some collectors attach great importance to their U. S. Local Stamps, all of which they either keep or try to keep on the original envelope to "prove" the authentic character of their treasures. Passing by the fact that "original" letters to stick old stamps on and "original" postmarks to hand stamp them are articles easily procured by those who are willing to pay for them, for even Casey's counterfeit Berfords have been seen postmarked more than once, it occurs to us that the keeping of the envelope after the collector who owns the stamp is himself satisfied of its genuine character, is a somewhat superfluous freak of fancy. Suppose for instance that a respected citizen were to have his boots made of calfskin with the calves tail attached to prove their genuine character, and to show an admiring world that they were not sinful split leather or godless goatskin; people would think he was somewhat cracked in his upper story, wouldn't they? We rather think so. And they would talk of sending him to the Lunatic Asylum if there was any more of this nonsense, wouldn't they? Of course they would, and yet the stamp collector does the same thing every day, and never dreams of the asylum; not he, he is too innocent to dream of anything but a rare old local, but let him not deceive himself, Helmbold of Helmbold's stamp is there, Ayer of Ayer's stamp is there, and his turn may come shortly. The lamented Doesticks had a friend whose name was Damphool, since Doesticks' death we were wondering what had become of him; now we know, the mystery is at an end—Damphool has changed his name and now calls himself Local Stamp Collector.—*Stamp Collector's Record.*

## THE STAMP AUCTION.

The sale of the large and valuable collection of stamps belonging to Mr Charles Spaeth, of La Porte, Ind., occurred on the 12th and 13th of December. About fifty of the leading collectors of New York and vicinity gathered and the bidding was quite spirited, the first night's sale amounting to more than \$1000. On the second evening a representative of this journal was present. The specimens sold were United States stamps, the most valuable of which brought the following prices:

New York, 1842, 3c., buff, one of the gems of the collection, \$29.00.

New York, 1843, 3c., blue, 1.15.

New York, 1843, 3c., blue, surface paper, 95c.

New York, 1843, another, darker blue, 85c.

New York, 1849, 1c., red circular, unused, rare, 2.75.

New York, 1849, 1c., yellow, 1.25.

New York, 1849, 1c., 1.37½.

Providence, entire sheet, showing the eleven varieties of the 5 and 10c. stamps, 6.50.

St. Louis, 10c., black, 12.25.

New Haven, one of the first reprints in blue, signed by the late Mr. Mitchell in red ink, 1.10.

New Haven, one of the thirty originals, 3.12.

1851, issue complete, unused, 8, each 17c.

1869, 15c., brown and blue, picture inverted, 27.00.

Curious lot of handstamps, used before stamps came into existence, 19, each 2c.

Carrier's stamp, 1851, Horseman, 1c. red, 4.50.

Carrier's 1 cent, black, 1.25.

Carrier's, 1 cent, black, unused, very rare. This is a curious and interesting error. 3.87½.

Carrier's stamp, 1c., blue on pink, \$13.

Carrier's Stamp, 1c., blue eagle, used and unused, 2, 10c.

Newspaper stamps, 1865, 5c., blue, blue border, \$1.10.

Newspaper stamps, 1865 set, unused, each 17c.

Set Department of Agriculture, 9, per specimen, 13c.

Executive set, 5, per specimen. 20c.

Justice set, 10, per specimen, 10c.

State set, from 1c. to 90c., 11, per specimen, 17½.

State, 2 dollars, 2.50.

State, 5 dollars, 3.50.

State, 10 dollars, 5.50.

State, 20 dollars, 9.25.

## ESSAYS, SPECIMENS AND PROOFS.

[Prices given are for each specimen.]

Carrier's eagle and Franklin, blue and orange, 3, 22½c.

Newspaper stamps, 1875 issue, complete set, very fine brilliant specimens, representing a face value of over \$200, 24, 1.05.

1851 issue, fine, including 30c. black, 10, 20c.

1861, unfinished designs for 3 and 12c. stamps, rare, 4, 40c.

1861-6, very fine set, beautiful colors, 15, 25c.

1861, Various colors on gold beaters' skin, very rare, 20c.

1861, beautiful varieties of the 3c. stamp, 22, 25c.

1861, very handsome colors of the 12c. 12, 15c.

1869, first design for the 12c. of this issue, 3, 52c.

1869, second form in which the stamps appeared, 8, 60c.

Third and final revision, same as finally issued, complete set, all values, 10, 15c.

1870 issue, complete set, 11, 20c.

1870 issue, on yellow paper, 8, 27c.

1870, another set, 8, 30c.

1870, lot low values on violet paper, 10, 25c.

1870, 3c. in various shades, 13, 20c.

1870, splendid first proof of the 7c., rare. 1, 1.10.

Various proofs, 10, 11c.

Beautiful essay for 7c. stamps, Washington head in oval, 8 colors, 8, 80c.

Fine design for a 3c. stamp to be printed on goldbeaters' skin, 9, 30c.

2c., head of Liberty on goldbeaters' skin, for revenue, 6, 10c.

Designs for set of Washington stamps, 2, 6, 12 and 30c., rare, 16, 25c.

Beautiful designs for 3c. stamps, unfortunately not accepted by the department, 4, 27c.

Handsome stamp, designed for post card, head of Franklin, 3, 35c.

Design for 2c. envelope, exquisite design of engine turned work, 2.00.

For 3c. envelope, head of Washington, brown, beautiful plate printing 50c.

For 12c. envelope, old-fashioned eagle, embossed, yellow, rare, 30c.

12c., eagle on branch, octagon, 6, 40c.

15c., similar design, 3, 1.10.

ENVELOPES, ENTIRE AND UNUSED, 1874 ISSUE, CATALOGUED BY HORNER.

[Prices given are for each specimen.]

3, 5 and 6c., H. 288-290-1-2-4-5, 10 specimens, 50 cts. each.

7c. on first quality, amber, 301, unused, 5.25.

10c., die A (big head), white, 304, unused, 45c.

10c., same as last, amber, 305, unused, 35c.

10c., H. white, H. 306, rare, unused, 35c.

10c., same, on amber, 307, rare, unused, 35c.

3c., white, H. 321, Centennial wmk, unused, very rare, 3.25.

Same as last used, rare, 45c..

6, 7 and 10c., H. 303 and 329 to 333 inclusive, unused, each 12½c.

3c., die A, white and amber, H. 334-5, unused, 17½c.

3c., cream, die A, extra letter, H. 336, rare, 3.25.

Another, light shade, 60c.

3c., white, 338, Centennial wmk, unused, 1.25.

Another, used, 30c.

1, 2, 3 and 6c., H. 337-9-41-5-6-8-51-2, unused, H. 12½c.

3c., amber, die A, official, unknown to Horner, the only one we have seen, very rare, 5, -.00.

10 and 12c. official, H. 361-2-4, unused, 3, 25¢.

30 and 90c., cream, H. 374-7, unused, 2, 1.25.

90c., amber, unused, 1.00.

6c., white, extra official shades, H. 378, unused, 3, 3c.

6c., white, extra official, Centennial wmk, H. 379, unused, very rare, 80c.

Another, used, very rare, 35c.

6 and 12c., extra official, H. 380-1, unused, 3, 15c.

15c., extra official, H. 383-4, unused, 5, 20c.

24 and 30c., ex. of H. 385-6-8, unused, 3, 1.10c.

90c., white and amber, H. 389-90, unused, 2, 1.00.

90c., amber, H. 390, unused, 1.12.

2c., die A, vermilion, wrapper, H. 395, very rare, unused, 2.12.

1 and 2c., wrappers, H. 391 to 8, except 395, unused, 13, 2c.

1875, 3c., white, two envelopes folded in one, which illustrates how albinos are made, 2.00.

1875, 3c., white, struck without color, a beautiful albino, 25c.

1875, 3c. white, another albino, 25c.

1855, 3c., white, extra letter, albino, 1.10.

1875, 3c., blue, corner torn, albino, 25c.

1875, 2c., cream, albino, 1.10.

1875, 1c., orange, albino, 25c.

1875, 1c., orange, albino, stamp in lower corner, 70c.

1870, 3c., white, albino, 40c.

1875, orange, extra letter, regular water-marked envelope, but has no stamp impressed, 60c.

1875, 1870, 3c., blue, wmk. "U. S. Postal Service," very rare, 25c.

1875, 1c., an orange stamp, mistruck on flap, 40c.

1875, 1c., two stamps, one partly over the other, 40c.

1875, 3c., stamp in the left lower corner of reverse, 50c.

1875, 2c., vermilion on fawn, in same place as last, 60c.

1875, 3c., in center of right end, 45c.

1875, 1c., with albino stamp on reverse, 25c.

1875, 7c., 10c. and two 3c., one used, all mistruck, 4, 17½c.

1875, 1870, 2c., wrapper, albino, 30c.

1875, 2c., another equally good, 20c.

WAR ENVELOPES, ENTIRE AND UNUSED.

[Prices given are for each specimen.]

Reay, 1c., on white, H. 219, rare, 50c.

Reay, another equally good, 50c.

Reay, 2c., on white, H. 220, very rare, 4.00.

Reay, 3c., on white and cream, H. 222-4-5-8-9-30. Three marked "specimen," 8, 5c.

Reay, 6c., on white official, H. 231, rare, 1.62.

Reay, 10c., bright red, H. 233, has had the specimen mark very neatly erased, well calculated to deceive anyone, very rare, 9.00.

Reay, 12c., on white, H. 234, rare, 20c.

Reay, 15c., on white, H. 235, marked specimen, but rare, 1.12.

Reay, 30c., on white, H. 236, rare, 87c.

Reay, 6 and 12c., extra official, H. 237-8, rare, 2, 25c.

Reay, 24c., extra official, H. 240, rare, 4.25.

Reay, 30c., extra official, H. 241, rare, 2.25

Reay, duplicate of last, 2, 2.00.

Plimpton, 3c., on white note, H. 418, light and dark, 2, 10c.

Plimpton, 1c., light red on white, H. 419, rare, 50c.

Plimpton, 2c., bright red on white, H. 421, rare, 50c.

Plimpton, 1 and 2c., dark red on white, H. 419-20, rare, 2, 1.12.

Plimpton, 2c., on amber, H. 422, rare, 35c.

Plimpton, 3c., on white amber, cream, fawn and blue, all different, 16, 5c.

Plimpton, 6c., on white, cream and amber, 8, 10c.

Plimpton, 6c., on white, H. 434, Centennial wmk., rare, 60c.

Plimpton, 10c., on white, H. 437, rare, 1.62.

Plimpton, 10c., another, 2.12.

Plimpton, 10c., still another, all fine, 1.50.

Plimpton, 10c., on amber, H. 438, rare, 2.12.

Plimpton, 2, 3, and 6c., on w. a. and c., H. 439 to 446, except 443, rare, 14, 6c.

Plimpton, 3 and 6c., official, H. 447 to 452, fine shades, 11, 10c.

Plimpton, 10c., on white, new shape, rare, 2.25.

Plimpton, 10c., another, 1.00.

Plimpton, 10c., on amber, rare, 2.75.

Plimpton, 12c., on white, light, dark and new shape, 20c.

Plimpton, 12c., on amber, rare, 30c.

Plimpton, 12c., on cream, not in Horner, excessively rare, 1.25.

Plimpton, 15c., on white, rare, 2.00.

Plimpton, 15c., on white, new shape, rare, 1.50.

Plimpton, 15c., on amber, rare, 2.00.

Plimpton, 15c., on cream, not in Horner, excessively rare, 2.00.

Plimpton, 30c., on white, rare, 1.50.

Plimpton, 30c., on white, dark red, rare, 1.25.

Plimpton, 30c., on white, new shape, rare, 1.25.

Plimpton, 30c., on amber, rare, 1.62.

Plimpton, 30c., on cream, not in Horner, excessively rare, 3.11.

Plimpton, 6c., on w. and a. extra official, light and dark, rare, 4, 12½c.

Plimpton, 12c., on white, extra official, three shades, 3, 20c.

Plimpton, 12c., on amber, extra official, rare, 35c.

Plimpton, 15c., on white, extra official, very rare, 1.87.

Plimpton, 15c., on amber, extra official, very rare, 2.00.

Plimpton, 30c., on white, extra official, rare, 1.60.

Plimpton, 30c., on amber, extra official, rare, 1.70.

Plimpton, 1 and 2c., wrapper, light and dark, 23, 12½c.

Plimpton, duplicates, sizes, &c., 11, 8c.

Reay, 3 and 12c., good lot duplicates, 11, 7c.

Reay, 1c., wrappers, used, 52, 10c. for the lot.

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1862—2 cents, light brown; 8 cents, orange; 12 cents, blue; \* 18 cents lilac; 24 cents, green; 48 cents, rose; *y* 96 cents, brown.

The above were originally printed on paper without watermark, but none such are now obtainable.

1863.—*b* 4 cents, slate; 6 cents, lilac; \* 30 cents, orange.

See note to 1862.

1871.—*e* 30 cents, lilac.

1874.—*h* 2 dollars, brown; *i* 3 dollars, 10 dollars, blue.

These are disused revenue stamps, utilized for postal purposes. The 10 dollar stamp is now surcharged 12 cents for revenue purposes, and single stamps can be had at that rate.

1876.—\* 16 cents, surcharged on 18 cents. \* 16 cents, yellow; \* 28 cents, surcharged on lilac 30 cents.

1879.—\* 5 cents surcharged on 18 cents; \* 10 cents surcharged on 12 cents; \* 10 surcharged on 16 cents.

1880.—*a* 2 cents, rose (Postal Union Tint); *f* 48 cents, light brown; \* 5 cents, surcharged on 8 cents; *c* 5 cents, blue (Postal Union Tint); \* 10 cents, surcharged on 24 cents; *d* 10 cents, lilac.

## CARDS.

1879.—\* 3 cents, yellow card, adhesive stamp; \* 5 cents, blue card, adhesive stamp; \* 3 cents, rose on white card, adhesive stamp; \* 5 cents, blue on white card, adhesive stamp.

1880.—*j* 1 cent, engraved card, (Union colour); *k* 3 cents, engraved card; \* 4 cents, engraved card; \* 4 cents, engraved card, surcharged 1 cent.

No intentional change has ever been made in the colors of the above, but sometimes more or less ink on the plate may have varied the tint a little, and thus given rise to incorrect statements as to varieties of colour. The 18 cent value completely changed color by fading. The statements of certain text books about an imaginary second color of the 96 cent stamp, &c., may have arisen in this way.

Only the values lettered from *a* to *k* above are *in use*, and these are the only values of which specimens can be obtained, except in sheets of 240. The values marked \* are not obtainable at all. The cent may be taken to equal a half-penny, the dollar is.

General Post Office, Hongkong, January 1st, 1881.

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PERSONAL.

Trifet.—In October Mr. F. Trifet fell heir to fifty thousand dollars, through the death of his father in Paris.

Holton.—One of the oldest dealers in Boston is Mr. E. A. Holton. He appears to have a firm hold-on the Beanville collectors.

World.—The *Stamp World*, published by Collins & Mills, is one of our best exchanges, and is improving with every number.

Hammond.—B. M. Hammond, the enterprising dealer, of Dallas, Texas, has purchased the entire remainder of our stock of stamps. Collectors and agents who have had our approval sheets will do well to write to Mr. Hammond.

Enlargement.—With this number the REVIEW is permanently enlarged to twenty pages. In our next we shall begin a very interesting series of historical articles.

F. S. C. J.—The recent appearance of several new journals, in England, which promise well, has prompted Nunn to make a change in the editorship of his Journal. We understand that Chevely, the late editor, has been engaged by the managers of the British Museum, who will exhibit him among the bric-a-brac of that institution.

Delay.—We owe our readers an apology for the tardiness of this number. The delay was caused by the inability of our printer to run off the REVIEW on time without seriously delaying Prof. Richard Mansill's Planetary Almanac. We gave way to the Almanac upon receiving an assurance that the REVIEW would not be delayed more than two weeks. Instead of two it has been six weeks. However, we make amends by giving our readers four extra pages.

Handford.—Collectors are greatly indebted to Mr. Handford for his efforts to give them a perfect directory—for it certainly is as near perfect as human efforts can make it. The 1882 issue contains the address of about every collector who is sufficiently interested in our hobby to be called a collector; therefore it is wholly unlike most former efforts, and must not be confounded with the small dealer's list published in the back woods of Ohio, which attempts to be a dealers' directory but is not as complete as any issue of the Review. Mr. Handford's work is as valuable to collectors as a catalogue. Certainly it should be in the hands of all.



Casey.—We are indebted to a New York collector for an oddity in the postal card line. On the face it bears the address of Scott & Co. It is postmarked New York, Nov. 30 (1881). On the back it contains this notice printed in large type: "Casey's Kill Me Quick—warranted superior to fusil oil or Jersey lightning. For further information apply to Prof. Joseph J., 1021 Fourth Av., N. Y. Send for list." It would be absurd to suppose that Jim-Jam Casey issued this card, and we cannot help but think the person who worked this racket wasted his time.

**Stamp Speculators.**—Quite a number of the attendants at the recent auction sale purchased solely for speculative purposes. A case in point: Mr. Adee purchased the St. Louis 10c. black for \$12.25 and soon after sold it at a profit of \$15.75.

We are indebted to Mr. Sterling for a specimen of a new match stamp. H. Leigh, one cent blue, same design as Leigh & Palmer, one cent black, and from Mr. Adee we learn that H. R. Stevens' six cent black has appeared rouletted, and Rumford's two cent perforated.

**Swindler.**—We wish to caution our readers against trusting or dealing with J. Bardwell Sewell, Jr., of Buffalo, N. Y., who is doing business under the name of Philatelic Publishing Co., 263 Hudson street, Buffalo, N. Y. We were led into publishing his advertisement because of his alleged connection with the *Sunday Times*.

**Sick of Stamps.**—Mr. R. M. Weston has disposed of his revenue collection for \$150 or \$1.50, as a young man in St. Louis named Gambs was the purchaser. We think the latter figure the correct one. Mr. Weston figured as a philatelic writer for a short time. He is now in a lumber dealer's office in Boston.

**Adee.**—Since our last Mr. J. W. Adee met with a railroad accident near Elmira, N. Y. In his bill against the railroad company there was this item: "One new leg, \$125." The lost limb was fortunately composed of cork. Therefore its removal caused no pain. Doubtless Mr. Adee forgot it in his hurried exit.

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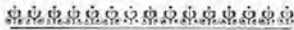
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## THE HISTORY OF PHILATELY IN THE U. S.

**S**TAMP COLLECTING dates back only as far as 1861. There is no trace of the existence of any such thing at any earlier epoch than that date. The public press, which is ever ready to catch up the living follies as they fly, is silent as to stamp collecting until long after the date of our statement. If there is any one, however, who has seen any mention of it at any earlier period we will be happy to stand corrected. But we want a substantial correction, and not one on idle hearsay and personal claim. There were, doubtless, instances of stamp collectorial mania, but they have unfortunately been forgotten.

The idea of a stamp collection is not a remarkably unusual one, seeing that coin collecting had been in vogue for many years previously, and stamp collecting doubtless presented itself to the minds of more than one person, both in Europe and America, long before it crystalized itself into tangible shape. We have seen it stated that a Belgian schoolmaster first "invented" it, as a means of furthering the study of geography by his pupils, and so it probably may have been; but he could not have known but that the same idea might at the same time have presented itself to the mind of a schoolmaster in Tipperary and another in Vienna and another at Confederate Cross Roads, Kentucky. And so we may safely set it down that stamp collecting was not

either invented or originated by any one man, and that, as Topsy puts it, "it grew."

In the year 1861 the great rebellion broke out in the U. S., and in a few months everything belonging down south or pertaining to the rebels became an object of interest to the residents of the northern states. The notes issued by the rebel government, as well as by private banks, were counterfeited on a grand scale by a well known and reputable printing house in New York, and were largely sold by stationers and by newsboys in the streets. The rebel postage stamps were also counterfeited by a Mr. S. C. Upham, then and now of Philadelphia, who besides the regular issue caused to be produced the private or provisional stamps for New Orleans, 2c and 5c; for Mobile, 5c; for Nashville, 5c; for Memphis, 2c and 5c, and for Baton Rouge, 5c. These were printed in sheets of six stamps each, and with the words "Fac simile Rebel Postage Stamps, sold by S. C. Upham, — 6th St., Philadelphia," printed in the margin. These stamps were sold by newsboys in the streets, and were extensively purchased at prices from ten to twenty-five cents per set, the attraction being not exactly that they were rare stamps, but that they were rebel stamps. This circumstance it was which first set stamp collecting in motion and brought it into notice; and to Mr. Upham may be ascribed the honor of being the father of stamp collecting in America, as he was the first person, in so far as a careful investigation serves us, who sold stamps for collecting purposes in this hemisphere.

In tracing up the birth of the stamp business in the city of New York, we find that there was no established stamp dealer in that city until 1863, in which year one James Brennan opened an office at No. 37 Nassau St., for the sale of stamps. Previously, as well as subsequently, there were a number of persons who sold stamps, but whose means or mode of livelihood was something else, and who dealt in stamps for amusement quite as much as for profit, a state of affairs which has come down to the present time unchanged, as the persons now engaged in the stamp business as a livelihood *are but four or five in number*, while the "dealers" can be counted by the thousands.

There is in New York a peculiar feature of business in the existence of street stands, such as apple and peanut venders keep in other cities, for the sale of coins, stamps and other collectorial goods, which the immense floating or transient population in New York enables to survive. These coin venders dabble somewhat in stamps, usually nailing them to the board with the coins, for in New York articles on street stands must needs be carefully and effectually secured if the owner wishes to remain in actual possession.

One of these street stands still survives, having been in existence about twenty years in the same place, the owner, however, being also a speculator in lottery and policy tickets, a business probably more remunerative than his ostensible business of a coin dealer. There were formerly several of these street stalls, but progress and intelligence in both coin and stamp dealing has blotted them out, and but one is now remaining.

James Brennan issued a printed priced catalogue in 1864, which was the first catalogue with prices issued in America, although one Kline, of Philadelphia, had a year or more previously published under the name of "The Stamp Collector's Manual, by A. C. Kline," a reprint, errors and all, of Mount Brown's (an English compiler) work on stamps. Brennan remained in the business until 1865, in the spring of which year Wm. P. Brown opened a place at 73½ Nassau St., but after a month or two abandoned the enterprise, to engage in farming pursuits, at Plainfield, New Jersey.

In the fall of 1867, however, Mr. Brown, conjointly with J. W. Scott, established an office at 34 Liberty street, the business being conducted under the name of J. W. Scott & Co.; but a personal misunderstanding and estrangement was the result, which has continued to the present time. The business was continued by J. W. Scott, and finally removed to 146 Fulton street, its present location.

Mr. Brown established himself a year or two subsequently at 53 Nassau street, but abandoned it in 1873 and went to Japan to become a compositor on a Japanese edition of the Scriptures, returning to New York (145 Nassau street) in 1876 and remaining there until the recent fire consumed his property.

The other dealers who have been in the business in New York were Louis Bauer, 34 Liberty street, in 1867; A. E. Finkell (real name Fullerton), 79 Nassau street, in 1868; S. Allan Taylor, 39 Nassau and 18 Ann street, 1874 to '78; C. H. Bechtel, 79 Nassau street, 1876 and '77; Arthur Fountain, 79 Nassau street, 1878 to '81; W. A. Kelsey, 208 Broadway, 1870; E. W. Samman, — Broadway, 1880; W. W. Phair, 11 Ann street, 1878; Henry Collins, 79 Nassau street, 1882.

In 1869 an attempt was made to establish an office for a coin and stamp magazine by one Mason, of Philadelphia, in connection with L. W. Durbin, and an office was hired in the vicinity of Wall street, but the enterprise had an existence of only a week or two.

For the benefit of the readers of the Review we beg to state that, all presumptions or assumptions to the contrary notwithstanding, the above are the only persons who have ever been in the stamp business in the cities of New York, Brooklyn or Jersey City; the numerous other excellent persons whose names appear as stamp dealers being gentlemen (mostly young gentlemen) who, while doubtless selling stamps, derive their means of living from some other source, presumably more substantial though perhaps less aesthetic than philately. To any person desirous of disputing our statements, the directory of the city of New York is very respectfully appealed to to decide the status of the person or matter involved.



## NEW ISSUES.

THE NUMBER of stamps issued during every quarter would, if properly described, take up our entire space, and believing that a poor and incomplete description is worse than none, we shall not attempt any, but refer the reader who desires it to Durbin's *Monthly* or Stanley Gibbons & Co.'s *Record*. The following can be relied upon as a complete list of stamps issued during the last quarter:

BARBADOS.—1½d, card brown on straw. Provisional card, no value, black on white.

BHOPAL.—1 anna, brown; 2 blue-black; 4 yellow-ochre.

BRITISH GUIANA.—Provisionals—  
1 cent surch. 1 in black on 96 bistre.  
1 cent surch. 1 in black on 48 carmine.  
1 cent off. surch. 1 in black on 48 red brown.

1 cent off. surch. 1 in black on 12 purple.  
2 cent off. surch. 2 in black on 96 bistre,  
2 var.

2 cent off. surch. 2 in black on 12 purple.  
2 cent off. surch. 2 in black on 24 green.  
1 cent deep rose three-masted ship.  
2 cent yellow three-masted ship.

1 cent deep rose three-masted ship.  
2 cent yellow three-masted ship.

CANADA.—1c, newsband, white paper.

CAPE OF G. H.—Newsband, 1d, brown on buff.

CUBA.—Values, c de peso. 1 sea-green; 2 rose; 2½ chocolate; 5 blue; 10 bistre; 20 brown. Cards, color white; 2 lake; 3 rose; 2+3 lake; 2+3 rose.

EGYPT.—10 paras, printed grey.

FLIL.—1 sh brown.

GRENADA.—Cards, 1d blue and 1½ brown, on buff.

GUATEMALA.—1 centavo black and green, 2 brown and green, 5 red and green, 10 violet and green, 20 yellow and green, surcharges 2 centavo on ¼ real, 10 on 2.

HOLLAND.—Card 5+5, blue.

HONG KONG.—Provisional, 1 dol. blue, fiscal.

INDIA.—1 anna 6 pies chocolate, 3 anna orange.

ITALY.—Cards, 10c and 10+10c brown on pale green.

JAVA.—Unpaid letter, green, red and black, 2½, 5, 20, 40 and 75 cents.

LUXEMBURG.—Officials, surch. S. P. (Service public.) 1 brown, 2 black, 4 green, 5 yellow, 10 lilac, 12½ rose, 20 brown, 25 blue, 30 violet, 40 orange.

MAURITIUS.—Envelope, 8c blue.

NEPAL.—1 an. blue, 2 purple, 4 green.

MACAO.—10 reis orange.

MEXICO.—Porte de mar, 50c green, 100c black. Later—5c yellow, 10c red, 25c blue, 50c green, 85c black, 100c violet.

NEW GRENADA.—Card, 2c black on primrose.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Envelope, 2d blue on white.

PARAGUAY.—Cards white, 2c lilac, 3 blue, 4+4c brown, 6+6c sage-green.

PERSIA.—50c brown, orange and black; service 1 shahi rose and green, 2 shahi green and carmine, 10s purple and blue.

PHILIPPINES.—2½c de p. blue. Provisionals, 2 cms, yellow surch. on 200 m de p. green fiscal, 1 real black surch. on 10c brown fiscal, 2 real carmine on 2 r blue fiscal.

PORTO RICO.—On white paper, ½ mil de peso rose, 1 maroon, 2 purple, 4 lilac, 6 brown, 8 emerald; 1c de peso green, 2 carmine, 3 orange, 5 blue, 8 sepia, 10 green, 20 lilac, 40 blue.

PORTUGAL.—25 reis brown-lilac.

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—1½ reis black, 4½ brown, 6 green, 1 tanga rose, 2 blue, 4 lilac, 8 orange. Provisionals, 5 reis red on 10 black, 6 black on 5 blue, 1 tanga on 100 reis lilac, 2 t on 300 r brown, 1 t black on 25 reis mauve, 2 t on 25 r mauve, 2 t on 40 r yellow.

QUEENSLAND.—Provisional, fiscal 20s rose.

ST. VINCENT.—½ orange, 1 drab, 4 light blue; provisional, 1 d black on 6 green, 4 d black on 6 d scarlet.





IT is with considerable satisfaction and pleasure that I present this number of the REVIEW to my readers. I have never burdened them with promises of what I as publisher intended to do, therefore I may be pardoned for calling attention to what I have done. I need hardly speak of the great success, and therefore prosperity, of the REVIEW. The most indifferent observer cannot but notice it. One of the evidences of this prosperity is the general make-up of this number. I believe that typographically it is superior to any philatelic magazine or paper ever published in America. Of its contents I need say nothing, except that the present size demands more than the writings of a single individual. Not that its size is more than I, single-handed, could fill, but were it attempted the result would be the thoughts of one person *ad nauseum*. There is no danger of this, however, as I have the assistance of three of the oldest and undoubtedly ablest philatelic writers in the U. S. Surely with such assistants it is no boast to say that the REVIEW knows no rival.

When the REVIEW becomes the medium of the oldest and ablest American writers it cannot afford to indulge in personalities and petty fights, and henceforth I will in no way deviate from this resolution, if for no other reason, than respect for those who have become part of its *personnel*. While the REVIEW will not deign to notice the rag-tag and bob-tail of philately, it will always be independent, bright and newsy.

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The article in my last, on Russian provisional envelopes, created considerable attention, appearing as it did after the mystery had apparently been cleared away. But let me explain. I wrote the article in October, intending that it should appear in November; but causes related in my last delayed the REVIEW until January, though that

part which contained the Russian matter was printed in November. Since writing my article M. Moens received a letter from a Russian official explaining that "it was only intended to surcharge the eight and ten kopeck envelopes, but two thousand of the twenty kopeck value were thus treated by mistake. They were never issued to the public, and it was intended to cancel them; but certain collectors having expressed a wish to obtain specimens, a certain number were sold to them at the old price of twenty and a half kopecks each." Thus it will be seen that when I punctured their postal character I was right, as they are nothing more than essays.

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Among the letters received is the following. This letter was not intended for publication, therefore I withhold the writer's name, but publish the letter because it contains several statements that are interesting, coming as they do from good authority:

—, Feb. 3, 1882.

"We are in receipt of No. 4, Vol. 3, of the STAMP COLLECTOR'S REVIEW, and have a few remarks to make on its contents if you can find time to read this through.

"We were much amused at the article on 'The Foreign Stamp Dealers,' and can testify to the correctness of most of the particulars, having been to all the places ourselves. Was it Dr. Petrie who wrote the article? Whoever it was, he ought to have gone to Maury's establishment, in Paris. It is the largest we have seen. Roussin has an office, but, as you say, occupies it only before 8 a. m. and after 6 p. m. When the writer last called on him it was at 6 o'clock in the morning! A good thing was also missed by not paying a visit to Alexandre  *fils*  and Girard  *pere et fils* , both forgery mongers.

"We do not quite understand whether your doubts as to the authenticity of the surcharged Russian envelopes extend to those on the 8 and 10 kop. as well as those on the 20 kop. The latter we never believed in, but will stake our reputation on the former two kinds. Our stock of them (some thousands) were purchased for us by a highly respectable merchant in St. Petersburg, a customer of ours; and as we only paid a fraction over 7 kop. each, the fraction being

for the cost of the envelope, it stands to reason that the surcharge must have been authentic or they would have been sold at a heavy loss. Besides this, we have received some scores of letters through the post, duly franked in these surcharged envelopes, both on the 8 and the 10 kop.

"All the surcharged Turk's Island stamps chronicled by the *Philatelic Record* were really issued, except the 4 d. on 1 d. red, which never existed. We have ourselves received all the varieties except the last mentioned. The article in the *Record* chronicling the new issues might have been written a month before the paper was published, so we do not see that you have proved anything. We were lucky enough to get in a large stock before the supply was stopped, which was either in the last week of July or the first week of August, 1881. About that time, in consequence of the numerous demands from dealers, the P. M. was ordered not to supply any more, nor to have any more surcharged, but to use up the small remaining stock for legitimate postage of letters. Since then none have been procurable from the Island. —"

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My correspondent speaks of Maury's establishment as the largest they have seen. It, however, does not compare with Scott's, in New York, who have a large store, with plate-glass windows, on Fulton street, three doors from Broadway. It is a fine business stand, and Mr. Scott pays an annual rent of \$2,800 or \$3,000. He employs—1st, Mr. Edson, confidential manager; 2d, Mr. Lamb, superintendent of printing; 3d, Mr. Prosskey, coin expert; 4th, a young gentleman as cashier; 5th, an errand-boy; 6th, a young lady to sort stamps. Messrs. Scott & Co.'s place is beyond all question the largest and most imposing place of the kind in the world.

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Speaking of Mr. Scott reminds me of an article concerning him which appeared in a philatelic paper of Chicago. The article characterized the Hamburg locals as fictitious and worthless stamps. This, I am sorry to say, is a mistake all around. The value of a thing is graded by what it will sell for, and as it takes twenty-five cents to buy a set of Hamburg locals, they are not quite

worthless. In 1871 one of my relatives was attending school in Hamburg, and at my request he visited the various places where these stamps were supposedly being used. He succeeded in obtaining over eighty of the hideous things, which he sent to me with an assurance of their genuine postal character. Notwithstanding this, I am satisfied that the number used to prepay postage on letters and parcels was insignificant compared with that sold to collectors. I am also satisfied that they were printed in all imaginable colors with the sole purpose of selling them to philatelists. Therefore, in my humble judgment, the collector who does not buy them is a sensible fellow. Yet I challenge any one to make them out a greater humbug than the stamps of Heligoland, San Marino, Suez and others of like ilk. What with these and the various surcharges there is enough to disgust any sensible collector, without the addition of any of the played-out Gaucho frauds. Is it any wonder that so many of the oldest collectors have become disgusted and sold their collections? I should think not.

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That portion of the Chicago paper's article which concerns Mr. Scott states that he "is the one most to blame for their (Hamburg locals) circulation, as he has provided spaces for all of them in his albums, and the object in doing so must be to sell the worthless scraps of paper to collectors, who, when receiving them from a responsible firm believe them to be genuine." Perhaps it occurred to Mr. Scott that if he did not provide spaces for these locals in his albums many young collectors would purchase an album which did contain spaces, rather than reduce the size of their collections by omitting them. I have seen quite a number of Mr. Scott's albums, and have never seen one wherein he did not advise collectors to reject these locals. If more is needed to convince the Chicago editor of the stupidity of his article let him read a file of Mr. Scott's journal. The present breed of philatelic editors have a faculty of tackling subjects concerning which they are very ignorant. I can only hope that some day the thought will suggest itself to them that a hoe is a fitter thing for them to handle than a pen.



## HISTORY OF THE EGYPTIAN P. O.

THE Egyptian Post Office, as a national institution, dates only from the year 1865, previous to which all postal arrangements were left to the enterprise of private individuals, most of whom were Italians, a circumstance which no doubt accounts for their language being the only European one employed for the inscriptions on the stamps used previous to the issue of the current set.

One Carlo Meratti established the first private post, which he called the "Posta Europea, in Alexandria, in 1821, distributing the inland correspondence between that town and Cairo, as well as undertaking the charge of that destined for Europe. His couriers conveyed the inland letters from village to village, depositing them with the respective Sheiks, from whom the addressees were at liberty to get them, Allah willing. Upon Meratti's death, in 1847, Tito Chini carried on the undertaking, assuming a partner, Giacomo Muzzi, under whose direction he placed it. Up to this time correspondence had only been conveyed to and from Alexandria and Cairo, and such villages as lay immediately between them; and it was only twelve years later that Chini obtained the privilege of establishing for a term of ten years agencies in fifteen of the other principal towns.

In 1864, when the "Posta Europea" had reached its highest point of prosperity, the Egyptian Government bought up its privileges, and gave Muzzi the appointment of Postmaster-General, with the title of Bey, an office in which he was succeeded in 1876 by the present official, Mr. A. Caillard.

Besides the "Posta Europea," there were established, at the respective consulates in Alexandria, French, Italian, Austrian, Greek, English, Belgian and Russian posts for the reception and despatch of letters from and to these countries. The three latter have ceased to exist, and the extinction of the others would seem to be a consummation most devoutly to be wished, as they appear to do more harm than good. To obtain one's letters one must trudge from con-

sulate to consulate in various parts of the city, house to house delivery not being as yet established; whilst the despatch of correspondence is attended with even greater difficulties, the prepayment of postage at each consulate being demanded in the coin of the mother country, the Austrian Post Office even declining to accept payment in its own paper money.

The first emission of postage stamps was announced in a Government decree of the 21st December, 1865; and on the 1st January following the arabesque series, which was made by Messrs. Pellas Brothers, of Genoa, was issued to the public. Another decree, dated 11th July, 1867, announced the emission of a new issue, which appeared on the 1st August, and was lithographed by Mr. V. Penasson, of Alexandria. This is the series with the pyramid and sphinx in the centre, Pompey's pillar on the left, and Cleopatra's needle on the right. M. Moens' assertions, that the pyramids are the most ancient monuments in the world, and that Cleopatra's needle is now erected in Waterloo Place, are both open to dispute. But no matter.

On the 1st January, 1872, was issued the series with the crescents and stars in the spandrels, which was only superseded last April by the current one. That also was the work of Mr. Penasson, who likewise prepared in 1875 a stamp of the value of 60 paras, red on grey paper, having the numerals of value in a circle. In August, 1876, a fire destroyed his premises, together with some 2,000 sheets of these stamps, which were never issued.—*Translated from Bibliothèque des Timbrophiles by the Philatelic Record.*

THE WHITE HORSE OF HANOVER.—Like the white elephants in Siam, the white horses of early German worship were carefully preserved and tended. In the neighborhood of the haunted Harz mountains was their principal abiding place; and the sacred animal is frequently seen carved over doors of dwellings in northwestern Germany. The same effigy is still to be found on some German coins; and stamp collectors do not need being reminded of the horses portrayed on so many of the Hanoverian and Brunswick stamps.—*The Philatelist.*

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THE PHILATELIC EXHIBITION.

WE shall not inflict our readers with an article on the exhibits of the recent Philatelic Exhibition at Vienna. The only thing concerning this affair which we consider worth printing is an article from the *London Record*. We think it real mean for the *Record* to guy its Viennese brethren in this manner. This is what it says:

"Dr. Moschkau descants feelingly upon the labours and anxieties which whitened the locks of the committee ere they succeeded in carrying through the mission they had undertaken. He tells us how they engaged the hall of the Horticultural Society for the exhibition, prepared and signed tickets of admission, distributed them for sale amongst the various post-offices and tobacco shops in Vienna, corresponded with the exhibitors, had numberless interviews with the authorities, with the view to inducing them to contribute exhibits, and superintended the arrangement of the hall, and of the various collections and articles sent for exhibition. All this, and much more, gave the committee such trouble as only the great success of the undertaking could ever have repaid.

"Then Dr. Moschkau gratifies us with biographies of the members of the committee, who all appear, apart from their connection with philately, to be great little men in their own country, and to be possessed of a sprinkling of those iron crosses and stars of the baser metals from which even the best conducted citizens in Germany seem unable to escape.

"At last the eventful day—the 13th November, 1881—arrived. At 8 a. m. the committee were at their posts to see that all was in order, and to give their final instructions to the squad of letter-carriers who officiated as attendants. At 9 o'clock—early worms these Viennese—the doors were thrown open, and at 9.30 Herr Kamler, the patron, made his appearance, endured a speech from Herr Reitz, president of the Philatelisten Club, retorted with another, and then, to the immense relief of those who had already paid their kreusers to get in, solemnly declared the exhibition to be open. On the second day of the exhibition its crowning

glory was attained to. It was visited by His Imperial Highness the Lord Archduke Carl Ludwig, brother to His Majesty the Royal Imperial Apostolic Emperor of Austria. He was at once taken in hand by the committee, and had his nose gently rubbed against the most noteworthy of the exhibits. Amongst these was a large double-headed eagle, artfully built up out of postage stamps by Herr Schmachel, who for this empyrean philatelic flight appears to have received 'honorable mention' from the jurors. But what fetched His Royal Highness most were the *Siamese postage stamps* belonging to Herr Friedl. Now, in our humble opinion, this was playing it rather rough on H. R. H. Having had the advantage of being brought up by Tory parents in a due reverence for the great ones of the earth, and a shuddering distaste for anything which savors of Radicalism, we most distinctly reprobate the playing off of jokes upon a Hapsburg, in connection with any Siamese stamps at present issued, even on a 1st of April, and much more so on a 14th of November. Not even the subsequent presentation to H. R. H. of a copy of Muller's 'Postage Stamp Polka,' and of a photograph of Herr Friedl's 'all-round-the-world-in-81-days' post-card, can remove the painful impression which this unseemly waggishness, at the expense of unsuspecting royalty, causes us. And yet the worst remains to be told. The Archduke was offered, and, with the rash valour which distinguishes the scions of his house, drank a glass of liqueur made by one Max Pollak, and called 'The Philatelist's Sanatory Stomach-warmer.' All too late the unhappy Archduke anxiously enquired into the nature of its ingredients, and then—retired. We refuse to believe in the report that to family and inter-necine feud is to be attributed his having sent the Archdukes Radner and Eugene to see the exhibition before it closed. We are glad, before dismissing the subject of the visitors, to be able to state, upon Dr. Moschkau's authority, that a fair sprinkling of the aristocracy of Vienna, and about 8,000 creatures of lesser rank, visited and derived instruction from the exhibition."

A Russian dealer asked M. De Ferrari \$40 for a Russian local which he afterwards bought in England for 12 cents.



REFERENCE LIST OF NEWFOUND-  
LAND STAMPS.

BY AN OLD COLLECTOR.

Issue of Jan. 1, 1857—*Heraldic Flowers.*

I.

Stout White Paper, Unperforated.

1 Penny.	Brown.
2 Pence.	Carmine-vermilion.
3 "	Green.
4 "	Carmine-vermilion.
5 "	Brown.
6 "	Carmine-vermilion.
6½ "	" "
8 "	" "
1 Shilling.	" "

II.

Thin, Crisp Paper, Unperforated.

2 Pence.	Carmine-vermilion.
3 "	Green.
4 "	Carmine-vermilion.
6 "	" "
1 Shilling.	" "

The first issue of 171,000 stamps was engraved by L. Stanford, of London, the total cost of the same being £398, 8s. 9d. The higher values of this issue are becoming very scarce, and the shilling value is almost unattainable.

Issue of Jan. 1, 1863. *Same Designs.*

I.

Thin, Crisp Paper, Unperforated.

1 Penny.	Red-brown.
2 Pence.	Lake.
3 "	Green.
3 "	Sap Green.
4 "	Lake.
5 "	Red-brown.
6 "	Lake.
6½ "	" "
1 Shilling.	" "

All the values of the 1857 issue becoming exhausted, with the exception of the 8 pence, which was never in much request, recourse was had to the original plates, and a new supply of 222,380 stamps struck off in September, 1862. The change in color from carmine-vermilion to lake was a caprice of the printer, never having been authorized by the government. The 8 d. lake sold by

dealers is a fanciful stamp, and never had any actual postal currency.

Issue of Jan. 1, 1865. *Various Designs.*  
*Perforated.*

2 Cent.	Green.
5 "	Brown (shades).
10 "	Black.
12 "	Red (shades).
13 "	Orange.
24 "	Blue.

This issue of 600,000 stamps was prepared by the American Bank Note Co. (the engravers of all subsequent issues excepting those mentioned below), at a total cost of \$2,100.

Issue of Nov. 1, 1868. *Prince of Wales.*

1 Cent. Violet-mauve.

Issue of Dec. 20, 1868. *Seal.*

5 Cents. Black.

This and the subsequent issue in blue are from the same die as the 5 c. brown.

Issue of May 1, 1870. *Head of Queen.*

3 Cents. Vermilion.

6 " Rose (shades).

Issue of June 10, 1871. *Prince of Wales.*

1 Cent. Rosy violet.

This stamp is almost identical with the same value issued in 1868. The inscriptions, and notably the letters "N. F.," are smaller, and there are differences in the foliage.

Issue of May 1, 1873. *Head of Queen.*

3 Cents. Blue.

Issue of Nov. 5, 1876. *Line Perforation.*

5 Cents. Blue.

Issue of 1877. *Line Perforation.*

1 Cent. Rosy violet.

3 " Blue.

Issue of 1880. *Line Perforation.*

2 Cents. Green.

Issue of Jan. 1, 1880.

1 Cent. Violet-brown.

3 " Deep blue.

Issue of Feb. 10, 1880. *Perforated.*

2 Cents. Green.

5 " Blue.

The issues of Jan. 1st and Feb. 10th were engraved by the British American Bank

Note Co., of Montreal. They bear a strong resemblance to the same values produced by the American Co., of New York.

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CARDS.

*Issue of 1873. White Card.*

1 Cent. Green.

*Issue of 1879. White Card.*

2 Cents. Vermillion.

The above mentioned cards were manufactured by the American Bank Note Co., and those subsequently issued by the British American Bank Note Co.

*Issue of 1880. Buff Card.*

1 Cent. Green.

2 " Vermillion.

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A VETERAN'S MISFORTUNES.

Mr. Wm. P. Brown, the well known stamp dealer, was one of the unfortunate occupants of the New York *World* building, which was destroyed by fire on the 31st of January. To the various newspaper reporters Mr. Brown stated that he had lost all he possessed. It appears, however, that his safe withstood the flames, and the fall from the fourth floor did not injure it. Therefore, though Mr. Brown's loss is large, it is not total; yet is serious enough to thoroughly dishearten him, as would appear from a note from Messrs. Scott & Co., which stated that he had decided not to resume business again, but had turned all his goods over to them to be disposed of by auction sale.

It must be a matter of congratulation to collectors that among the stamps saved is the fine collection of the late Dr. Blackie, which had taken him a quarter of a century to collect, and which he prized very highly—though this fact did not prevent his ungrateful son from selling it before his father's heels were cold.

A few weeks after the fire Mr. Brown sought relief from his financial troubles by going into bankruptcy. Thus ends the philatelic career of the oldest established dealer in the U. S. It is an ending which will elicit expressions of sympathy from all, and hopes that in whatever field Mr. Brown may labor he will meet with success.

RUSSIAN LOCALS.

We could never make up our mind to believe in those sickening impostures called Russian Locals, and have always had an idea that some day nine-tenths of them would be discarded from the albums of those who had been silly enough to buy them. That day has now arrived, as is the case with many doubtful stamps.

These so-called locals were introduced to the philatelic public by Moens. Every month he devoted a large portion of his journal, the *Timbre-Postes*, to these sickening frauds, and that the number announced was not small our readers may imagine when a contemporary announced in 1876 that it had taken a contract to "shingle a meeting-house" with them! Just how many of these things have been issued we have never troubled to find out, but certainly quite enough to take the fat from any philatelist's pocket-book.

It appears that M. De Ferrari, a well known French collector, was victimized once too often, and as a result began a series of investigations, followed soon after with charges against M. Moens and his Russian agent, M. Lubkert. Moens turns upon Lubkert, claiming to have been his greatest victim, and demands the return of his money. If Moens is to be believed, Lubkert made or obtained the stamps, while Moens—poor, innocent, unsuspecting fellow—sold what he believed to be genuine stamps. For our part, we think Moens' tale may be taken with a little salt.

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## THINGS PHILATELIC.



Quite by accident we discovered a new method of exterminating small insects. We cannot proclaim it an infallible remedy, but the receipt is worth giving. A young person in Mechanic's Falls, Maine, published a small paper for a time, which, among other things, contained a philatelic column. In this column he copied from the REVIEW the article by Mr. Reynolds on the word Philately, and failed to credit either Mr. Reynolds or the REVIEW. Not long after this he solicited an advertisement. In reply thereto we sent the following for him to insert:

### NOTICE.

*To Publishers in general, and Mr. H. A. Poole in particular:*

We seriously object to would-be publishers taking articles from the REVIEW and palming them off as their own. The fact that they cannot command sufficient brains or money to obtain original articles does not justify them in stealing from those who are more fortunate.

J. C. RASMUSSEN.

We have reason to believe that this advertisement paralyzed the chief bottle-washer of the concern, for his paper never appeared after that.

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Mr. E. B. Sterling has another way of exterminating papers, large and small. Repeated trials warrant the belief that it works like a charm whenever applied. This is the prescription, taken from one of his private letters: "I have swamped every journal that I have written for. All are defunct."

" 'Tis true, 'tis pity," etc.

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On the afternoon of the burning of the World building Mr. Adee sent a card informing us of the catastrophe, and stated that he feared Mr. Wm. P. Brown was among those who had been crisped. We

sent this sad news at once to an esteemed friend. His reply was a relief to us, which we know those of our readers who have not heard of Mr. Brown's escape will share. It is as follows:

"No. Wm. P. was attending the ceremonies incident on the opening of a new free-lunch cafe in the neighborhood, and with his usual forethought had started at 10 o'clock (ceremonies at 11), so as to get a good strategic position within good equidistant range of the clam tub and the cracker bowl. He lost all his property, but as he is a good compositor and electrotyper he can if he likes take care of himself quite well. His collection of counterfeit stamps, valued at \$10,000, being the finest of the kind in America, and many of the rare specimens being unique, is his greatest loss. It cannot be replaced."

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In a former number of this magazine Mr. W. K. Freeman was spoken of as a representative of the best element of American philatelists. Some New York collector who preferred to remain unknown sent this unique protest: "Freeman a representative of the best element of American collectors! Good gawd! how have we fallen!" Shame! Did Mr. Freeman ever play the rogue in any philatelic matter? Is he not a thorough good fellow at heart? The worst that can be said of him is that he is inclined to be snobbish. But all things change; perhaps he has, for

The swell of the period is changing his note;

He has lost both his lisp and his stutter.

Now things that he likes not "divine" does he vote,

That they're "quite too consummately utter."

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One of the very best philatelic journals that ever appeared in England is the *Philatelic Times*; but we trust the editor will hereafter sit down on all amateur scribblers. In the first number some one by the name of J. B. was permitted to waste over half a page on two funny stories, which he ought to learn before trying to tell. If the editor will refer to the *Philatelic Quarterly*, of Brighton, No. 4, 1877, he will find one of the stories as it ought to be told. But, as that magazine woodbined for lack of support, it is possible that it is not in Mr. Gale's libra-



ry, and as the story may interest others besides him, we reprint it :

A certain Captain Von Louder, says the Dresden *Union*, sent a newly joined Polish recruit to the post-office to ask for his letters; and, as the man was not much of a German scholar, he told him to just give his name to the postmaster and he would understand what he wanted. Accordingly, when the Pole had posted himself at the hole in the window, and the postmaster asked him "What do you want?" he replied "Louder."

The P. M., thinking he had to do with a deaf man, said in a louder tone, "Whose letters do you want?"

"Louder, shouted the Pole.

P. M., shouting through the window, "I—ask—you—whose—let—ters—do—you—want?"

Pole—"Don't you hear? I tell you LOUDER."

P. M.—"The name."

Pole.—"LOUDER."

P. M.—"*Donnerwetter!* Did ever any one see such a blockhead! What is the name of your officer?"

Pole.—"Louder."

P. M.—"Well, then, why didn't you say so before?"

Pole.—"*Himmel!* Haven't I said Louder all the time?"

P. M.—"Well, well; now I understand; here are the letters for Captain Von Louder."

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The following is clipped from a British annual, and is headed "A laughable extract from an American paper. Alas! how great minds differ, for we cannot but admire the common sense which pervades the article :

"The stamp magazines in Europe appear to have 'drank the ocean dry' in reference to matters relating to the stamp business, for they are descending to the most trivial quibbles that ever were dreamed of. The dear knows it was trivial enough when they restrained their flights of imagination to the great and appalling distinctions known to exist between perforated and unperforated stamps; but when the number of perforations come to be a matter of vital importance, we think the joke is carried a little too far. Just fancy! there are two distinct issues of Belgium—one perforated 11 by 14, and the other 13 by 15. Sad, but interesting

thought! How many a life is desolate because its possessor owns an 11 by 14 and cannot purchase a 13 by 15! Our advice to such a one is, don't do anything desperate, live in hope, and be resigned to your fate, for we cannot all attain perfection. A new and glorious field of action has been discovered—the St. Vincent stamps when severed are ragged at the sides! All hail! great discoverer, more to be honored than Columbus, now will your name be preserved on the 'tablets of everlasting memory!' But, seriously speaking, we think that if such trifling differences are carried out, and we stand on a point of honour as to perforation, denticulation, &c., the sooner stamp collecting dies the better, as this sort of thing is mere child's play."

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We don't know whether to submit the following actual conversation as a specimen of pure cussedness or good sense :

Middle-aged Gentleman (looking at photo of Mr. F. A. Philbrick, Q. C.)—"Rasmussen, who is this fine-looking gentleman?"

R.—"It is Mr. Philbrick, the president of a society of stamp collectors in London, England."

M. A. G.—"Why, I thought stamp collecting was child's pastime, so to speak.

R.—"By no means. It is the hobby of many a respectable old gentleman."

M. A. G.—"Well, any old gentleman who will waste his time with such nonsense is certainly in his second childhood.

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We have often heard the remark, "It's enough to make a dog sick," but never knew just what was required to place a canine on the sick list. Now we have learned, and if our readers will pardon the appearance of a dog story in a philatelic journal we will divulge just what is "enough to make a dog sick." The editor of this journal in a moment of phenomenal recklessness added to his stock of care and trouble that of a pet, and what would hardly be thought of as a pet, a bull-dog. Though the editor's wife questioned the logic or sense of making such an addition to the family, the dog is now regarded as one of the most important members thereof, and accorded so many liberties that he recently became bold enough to make

way with one of the exchanges sent to this office. Whether he was attracted to it by the yellowish, billious color of the paper or recognized it as the work of a brother we do not know; sufficient to say he feasted on the greatest part of it, and for several weeks a sicker dog was never seen. We cannot say whether it was due to the paper and ink used in the sand-bank districts from whence it came, or whether the dog was intelligent enough to discover when too late the character of what he had consumed. We are inclined to take the latter view of it, and are therefore willing to vouch that the average philatelic sheet of the present day is enough to make even a dog sick; and as we regard our dog with considerable affection, and desiring to shield him from a repetition of his late troubles, we beg respectfully to say that henceforth we will not exchange with any so-called philatelic sheet, the *Stamp World*, *Bureau* and *Durbin's Monthly* excepted. All others which we desire or consider harmless we will subscribe for.

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A Canadian journal announces that the ruler of Siam's youngest brother, Prince Tschanfu Banturehngi Surang Wong Chromluang Bannhangtwonghi Wordate, has been appointed Postmaster General, and adds: "It is not out of place to observe that His Royal Highness has recently imported from Lepsic a Philatelic album equipped with specimens of all postage stamps known to collectors." So we may fairly claim him to be "one of us"—a Philatelist. Now let us take a brotherly interest in the poor fellow and select a decent name for him.

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One of the occupants of Mr. Wm. P. Brown's office, Miss Ida Small, had a very narrow escape, but, thanks to her bravery and pluck, was rescued. The *Herald* says: "Mr. W. P. Brown, superintendent for Mr. Lindsley, hurried into the Chambers Street hospital at twelve o'clock inquiring for Miss Small. The *Herald* reporter had the pleasure of telling him of her safety. 'Thank God!' ejaculated Brown: 'and though I have lost everything, I am glad she is safe.' Mr. Brown said that though Miss Small was very delicate she had an unusual amount of vitality and had the nerve of twenty ordinary men. Mr. Brown lost all he had in the world, his stock consisting of rare coins and stamps."

## NEW PROVISIONALS OF BRITISH GUIANA.

The following extracts are from the *Official Gazette*:

"BRITISH GUIANA, GENERAL POST OFFICE, GEORGETOWN, 21st December, 1881."

"A supply of POSTAGE STAMPS, ordered some time ago, not having arrived, it has been deemed necessary to issue the following temporary STAMPS until the regular supply is received, namely:

"96 cents STAMPS, having the face value obliterated, and the figure 1 printed in the centre, will be issued as One Cent STAMPS.

"96 cents STAMPS, having the face value obliterated, and the figure 2 printed in the centre, will be issued as Two Cents STAMPS.

"E. D. WIGHT,  
*Acting Postmaster General.*"

"BRITISH GUIANA, GENERAL POST OFFICE, GEORGETOWN, 28th December, 1881."

"The following POSTAGE STAMPS will be issued as One and Two Cents STAMPS, namely:

"12 cents STAMPS (official),	
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48 " " " will be used as	One Cent STAMPS.
12 " " (official),	
24 " " " will be used as	Two Cents STAMPS.

"E. D. WIGHT,  
*Acting Postmaster General.*"

"BRITISH GUIANA, GENERAL POST OFFICE, GEORGETOWN, 7th January, 1882."

"An issue of Provisional One and Two Cents Postage Stamps having been authorized, Notice is hereby given, that such Provisional Stamps are now ready for issue, but that they will be issued in such quantities only as the Acting Postmaster General is satisfied are required for the actual purpose of prepaying postal matter.

"E. D. WIGHT,  
*Acting Postmaster General.*"

A rush was made for these stamps by speculative collectors in Guiana, and they are holding them at such exorbitant prices that the English wholesale dealers have refused to purchase any.

## PERSONAL.



THE above is an excellent likeness of Mr. E. S. GIBBONS, the business head of the well known English firm, Stanley, Gibbons & Co. Mr. Gibbons is the father of the popular Imperial Album, and it is due to his enterprise as a publisher that collectors have been favored with such valuable works as Pemberton's Handbook and Album Weeds. This last has just appeared, and will be hailed as a valuable addition to every philatelic library. Mr. Gibbons has now placed the *Record* on his list of publications. This means new life to that excellent journal.

**BUSINESS.**—As an item of interest to the gentlemen who advertise in this magazine we will state that we have, since our last issue, entered thirty-nine names of *new* subscribers on our books, and of renewals almost two hundred and fifty names.

**BUHL.**—We take pleasure in recommending the *Stamp News*, published by Theodore Buhl & Co., to those of our readers who wish to subscribe for a British journal. It is full of interesting matter, therefore wholly unlike the average stamp journal.

**BREEZE.**—Because of some of the absurd articles which have appeared in the *Philatelic Times*, the last number of the *Record* suggested to the editor, Mr. G. H. F. Gale, that he reduce his staff. The word staff is rather a dignified name for what we Americans would in this case call sticks.

**VETERAN.**—The retirement of Wm. P. Brown from the philatelic arena leaves Mr. S. A. Taylor in undisputed possession of the

title of oldest established dealer in the U. S. When he steps down and out Mr. Scott, if in the field, inherits the title with all its barren honors, and Mr. Durbin follows.

**STERLING.**—Since our last, Mr. E. B. Sterling has been at death's door with pneumonia, but thanks to a strong constitution and the careful nursing and attention of a devoted wife, he has now completely recovered. One of the results of Mr. Sterling's sickness was a vast accumulation of philatelic correspondence.

**DURBIN.**—Regularly during the first of every year Mr. Durbin issues his illustrated catalogue of postage stamps. It has always been a work of such merit that it is not only a standard but a popular work. Mr. Durbin is about to publish another edition of his post card catalogue, completed to date. The fact that it is the only work of the kind in the world is an assurance of its success.

**FREE-LOTTY-FIST.**—Number 1 of Whitfield, King & Co.'s anxiously looked for magazine, the *Philotypist*, came promptly to hand and was critically examined. The fact that Dr. Viner was to be the editor of this new work convinced us that it would be full of meat, but of a quality like boarding house steak, dry and unpalatable. Our expectations were realized; therefore, without regret, we announce that

It has died—one month its age;  
'Twas edited by a philatelic sage;  
But swiftly it went up the spout.  
'Tis sad, so young to peter out.

**REYNOLDS.**—Mr. E. P. Reynolds, jr., a well known collector, possessing one of the largest collections in the west, is at present "tenting" it in Colorado, looking after the business of E. P. Reynolds & Co., contractors, who are building the B. & M. R. R. to Denver. Mr. Reynolds thus describes the officials of a young city which they made their headquarters for a time: "The county judge is now gathering bones, which he sells; the county clerk is the leading merchant, and the only decent one in the place; the sheriff is driving a team on the railroad; the constable is a Russian, and cannot speak a word of English; the county surveyor is now laboring on the railroad, and there is no attorney. Court sits perhaps one hour during a session."

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SPAIN.—15 ctmos. pink, 30 mauve, 75 lilac. Cards buff, 10 blue, 15+15 grn.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Provisional, 10c black on 6 lilac.

UNITED STATES.—5 ct. brown; Hussey Post, brown and blue.

WURTEMBERG.—5 marks blue; official cards surcharged in black, 1 kr green, var.

### COLLECTOR MANIA.

The reviewing editor of the *Century* magazine, in noticing a volume called the *Library*, says the following concerning collectors:

" \* \* It is hard to draw the line where a taste passes into a hobby and a hobby into a mania. It is even conceivable that an early edition, an autograph copy, or a volume stamped with the arms of some famous collector, may be precious for its associations. \* \* But all collectors are given to be imaginative. We once asked a friend, whom we may designate on the authority of the Bath 'Stamp Collector's Magazine' as 'the first pen in philately on the American continent' what possible interest he could take in an assortment of stamps. 'You ask what I see in these stamps,' he replied. 'I see history, art, biography, poetry in them.' And so it is with other collectors, whether the objects of their pursuit be coins, autographs or pottery. Yet there are limits. We will allow a degree of sanity to the man who pays an extravagant price for Banke's 'Bay Horse in a Trauce' simply because it is rare. \* \* But we must stop short with the idiot who practices duplicating, which Burton calls the extreme form of the mania."

We respectfully commend to the gentlemen of the London society the last of the above. They and their kind vie with each other as to who can obtain the greatest number of each type. They attempt, by collecting every shade, to discover how often the printer's devil inked his roller, and grow rapturous over other equally absurd distinctions, and call it science. Bah! it is not science, it is idiocy.



LETTERS not containing stamp for reply, and questions which may interest our readers, will be answered here.

M. D. SILVA, Bahia.—Your advertisement is respectfully declined.

J. NASC and other subscribers.—Premiums are mailed with this number.

A. C. BARON, Toronto.—We do not thank you or any one for troubling us with approval stamps. Approval lots when sent unsolicited should be accompanied by return postage. Yours was not, so our P. M. was instructed to return package via dead letter office.

F. MILLS, Cincinnati.—Eight back numbers and REVIEW for one year, 25 cts.

N. B. and others.—We do not deal in stamps any longer.

E. M., Bogota.—All numbers were sent. Vol. III was issued quarterly. We send another set.

T. T. T.—Why should we send you a copy free? You have had more than one, so ought to know the subscription price; therefore cannot understand your letter.

E. C. S., Paris.—Thanks for letter and information. We do not think European letters would interest our readers.

B. S. Co., Mechanics' Falls.—Your advertisement declined. The fact is we do not care to insert the advertisements of any but well known dealers, and young boys do not come under that head.

B. M., Philadelphia.—The reason you do not find articles from such writers as Chute, Tiffany and others of their standing, doubtless is because of too much self-respect. Were they to contribute to papers which publish the effusions of every youngster they would perhaps feel—

"Oh, when I think of what I am,  
And what I used to was,  
I feel I have myself away  
Without sufficient cause."

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Here, then, was a man after the stamp dealers' own heart. But how to keep him in this delectable condition? Easily answered: the stamp press! So it soon came to be understood that the great collection of the great Mr. Philbrick was one of the greatest things on earth, Barnum's moral show notwithstanding; and Mr. Philbrick was continuously alluded to and spoken of in the highest terms of servile flattery by the British stamp press; and as the "lower classes" in stamps, as in other things English, love to toady to the great, so the hedge and ditch stamp journals of Britain, and even their prototypes here, the New Jersey philatelists, re-echoed the greatness of the great Mr. Philbrick, Q. C., the great, erudite and mammoth philatelist. Then, when Mr. Philbrick was appointed Recorder of Colchester (Recorder in English towns is the police magistrate, and deals with common drunks, British fistic encounters, hen-roost plagiarism and the like), his newly added honors were loudly heralded to the stamp world, and Mr. Philbrick was eternally deluged with the honeyed encomiums of interested flattery, and his purse-strings were naturally loosened. He was mortal, and finding himself such a great man, such an object of admiration to dealers, how could he help buying what they had to offer, when they admired him so long and so well? Of course not. Then it came to be said that Mr. Philbrick was a great "writer" on stamps—was a man of great personal knowledge and perception as regarding genuine and bogus stamps, and was altogether a much greater man than other men—and it came to be the fashion to allude to Philbrick's view and opinion on anything as an almost conclusive circumstance.

This attribute the Review utterly denies. If Philbrick was a lawyer his time must in

good measure be devoted to his calling. As he was Recorder, a portion of his spare time must be devoted to hearing and sentencing and committing petty offenders; and as he was on aristocratic visiting terms with a portion of Britain's more or less degenerate nobility, his spare time must be sadly cut into, and no time left in which to perform that tremendous study which the British press have harped on so loudly and long as essential to a thorough knowledge of philately. And we deny that Philbrick had any attributes of the kind, his talents, head and front, being summed up in one thing—he was a first-class buyer, and would believe almost anything that was told him. His example, moreover, was used to incite other collectors, younger ones especially, into purchasing, by the information that Mr. Philbrick, Q. C., Recorder of Colchester, paid so much for a similar stamp, and so the scrupulous philatelist was silenced and paid the price—for had not the great Mr. Philbrick, Q. C., &c., done so? How long this Englishman would have remained wallowing in the toadyism showered on him and beslobbered by the school-boy stamp editors' childish adulation we know not, and it will never be known; but in an evil hour he left his vocation of a great stamp buyer and wrote a book. The book it was that fetched him.

The stamp press, metropolitan, rural, New Jersey and all, heaped the usual amount of flattery on it several inches deep. Not a dissenting voice was heard. Philbrick's work on "Stamps of Great Britain" was great, immense, wonderful and valuable to all collectors, and was the greatest boon ever given to philately, &c., *ad nauseum*. This maiden literary enterprise turned his brain, and he sent a copy to the calm and deliberate weekly, the Saturday Review.

The editors of the Review had no nonsense about them, and cared nothing for a Q. C. or a Recorder, and so they said what they thought about it, and treated the tremendous philatelic production as it deserved, with derision, and in effect said that Mr. Philbrick might have found some better occupation than such a frivolous epitome of of more frivolous detail. The Review, a journal of culture, was necessarily read by



most of Mr. Philbrick's aristocratic friends, and while a Q. C. may suffer abuse and even hang without backing out, he could never bear to be ridiculed. And so Mr. Philbrick came to a philatelic conclusion, much regretted by an admiring world, who honored him for his money's sake, no more.

If in our plain and truthful remarks we have said aught that tends to convey the idea that Mr. Philbrick was aught less in manner or action than a gentleman, we disavow it utterly, and we deny that any philatelist alive holds him by repute in higher estimation than we do ourselves. Meanwhile, as he has stepped down and out, it is our duty to remember his virtues, if he has any, and forget his errors if we can.

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ARE WE RIGHT?  
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We have never been prepared to prove that the various Indian stamps are frauds, but we have often expressed doubts as to their genuineness. We now have some interesting matter to lay before our readers on this subject, for which we are indebted to Mr. E. P. Reynolds, who has just returned from Colorado, having finished the B. & M. Railroad. A member of their engineer corps proved to be an English gentleman, formerly an officer in the British service in India. This gentleman ridiculed the idea of postage stamps being issued by the native governments of the Indian states, or any stamps there other than of British East India. We may incidentally remark that it is rather strange that China, an enlightened nation compared to the Indian states, has not issued stamps, while the nations that are the representatives of ignorance and superstition are credited with issuing them. Is it to be wondered that American collectors as a body reject these stamps?

At our request Mr. Reynolds obtained the following letters, which we publish in full, and hope they may prove the entering wedge

that will separate these abortions from philately forever:

"DEAR SIR:—Your favor duly at hand. In reply I beg to say that the independent princes of India never had any stamps, as they did not know what postage meant. Written messages were carried by messengers, but they had no idea of a mail system. There are what is called independent principalities in India still, being districts in the presidencies. If you look on a good map you will see marked Oude, Scinde, Nepal, &c. These in former days were all different kingdoms, but now owing allegiance to England. They are ruled, however, inside their own boundaries by their own prince, or rajah, as he is called. He must report to the governor of the presidency his kingdom is in. He cannot pass sentence on an European, and English judges hold court in his country to try Europeans. He is allowed to keep soldiers to guard himself, but they may not exceed the number allowed him by England; and lastly, English soldiers are quartered in his cities. In fact he is merely a magistrate under England with a bigger title. There are four or five of these independent districts.

"As regards Cabul, there is no mail service of any kind attached to Afghanistan. As you are no doubt aware, no Europeans at all reside in that country, nor has it any trade or industry. Its people are ignorant, and when I was in Cabul, in '79, we were, with the exception of Sir Louis Cavagnari's men (who were massacred), the only Europeans in the land. In fact no Europeans ever go there except a British army or a Russian intrigant envoy. They have no mail—do not know what a mail is, except black-mail (which they live by), and they do not require stamps, at any rate paper ones, for that purpose. I think I have given you all the information you ask."

"Burlington & Missouri River R. R. in Nebraska,  
ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Omaha, July 24, 1882."

"DEAR SIR:—I have to acknowledge receipt of your favor to hand, and to say that I am glad indeed to have been able to be of any service to you. The cut you enclosed of a Cabooler stamp made me smile. It showed to me what enterprise must still lurk in humanity to cause an adventurer to invent a stamp for the savage Afghan; and

whilst the issue of it adds another proof to man's audacity, it says little by its execution or design for the barbarian's skill. Joking apart, the stamp is a swindle. In the first place, as I said before, there is no government worth speaking of in the country to run a P. O., where 99 per cent. of the people do not know what written language means, and the one per cent. that does only dreams of it as a devilish habit of the "Feringhee Anglice" European; and if there were a stamp it would not be a Cabool one, any more than one in this country an Omaha one, for Cabool is only a city (and a dirty one at that) in the land of Afghanistan. As respects Jellalabad, Koapore, Rajperpla, &c., they are merely cities, like Cabul, only they are nearer to British India, whilst the Deccan, Cashmere, Scinde, Bhopal, &c., are districts formerly ruled by native princes, but now all as much British colonies as Canada or Ireland—the natives if anything more ignorant and more barbarous than the Afghans. Therefore you may use my name and statement at any time, in any place and in any company, to say that no postage stamps of any kind are or ever were used in India, or Afghanistan, Beloochistan, Burmah, &c., other than the Indian stamps of the British empire, the stamps of the old East India Company until its dissolution in 1857, the French stamps from the French settlement of Pondicherry, on the Coromandel coast, and the Portuguese stamps from the Portuguese colony of Zoa, on the Malabar coast of India; and you can back my assertion for money. I have no objection to your publishing my statements, or of making any use you please of them."

#### NEW ISSUES.

**T**HE NUMBER of stamps issued during every quarter would, if properly described, take up our entire space, and believing that a poor and incomplete description is worse than none, we shall not attempt any, but refer the reader who desires it to Durbin's *Monthly* or Stanley Gibbons & Co.'s *Record*. The following can be relied upon as a complete list of stamps issued during the last quarter:

ANTIOQUIA.—Adhesives, 10 centavos, arms, violet on white wove paper; 10 centavos,

head, lilac on white laid paper; 20 centavos, head, pale reddish brown on white laid paper.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Provisional post card, 2 centavos, black surcharge on the 6 centavos, rose; 2×2 do.

BARBADOES.—Adhesives, ½d. green; 1d. carmine; 2½d. ultramarine; 3d. mauve; 4d. greenish-grey; 6d. brown; 1s. orange-red; 5s. yellow-ochre.

BAVARIA.—Unpaid letter stamps, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 pfennig, light green; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 marks, light red.

BOLIVAR.—Adhesives, 80 centavos, green; 1 peso, orange.

BRAZIL.—Post card, 80 reis, orange-vermilion on medium pale buff card.

CANADA.—Post card, 1 cent, blue, on pale stoutish buff card; do., ultramarine.

CYPRUS.—Adhesives, 30 paras, surcharged in black on 1 piastre, rose; ½ piastre, surcharged in black on ½ piastre, green.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Adhesive, £5 orange.

GREECE.—Adhesives, 20 lepta, carmine; 30 lepta, blue (shades).

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.—Adhesives, 1c. blue; 10c. black; 15c. lake. Post cards, 1c. vermilion on buff; 2c. black on white; 3c. sea-green on white cards.

HONDURAS.—Post cards, 2 centavos, carmine on deep buff; 2+2 do.; 3 centavos, ultramarine on white; 3+3 do.

LABUAN.—Adhesive, 8c. carmine.

MEXICO.—Porte de Mar, 10 centavos, rose; 25 ctvs. blue; 50 ctvs. deep-green; 85 ctvs. greyish-black; 100 ctvs. sage-green; 5 ctvs. pale yellow. Post cards, 2 ctvs. brown; 3 ctvs. lilac and brown, on all colors.

NEW ZEALAND.—Adhesives, 1d. bright rose; 2d. lilac; 3d. yellow; 4d. sea-green; 6d. brown; 1s. brown.

PORTUGAL.—Adhesive, 50 reis, blue.

SPAIN.—Adhesive, ¼c. de peseta, green.

U. S. OF COLOMBIA.—*Cubierto* (without expressed value), type print in black.

TRINIDAD.—Provisional, 1d. surcharged with pen and red ink on current 6d. green; 1d. do., in black ink, on do.

A phrenologist says the principal bump on George Washington's head is adhesiveness. He alludes to George's head on a postage stamp.



"Truth written with a ray of light,  
Is truth made obviously plain."

I RECEIVE a great many complimentary letters from collectors, all of which express one sentiment—i. e., that the REVIEW is the most interesting philatelic journal published. These letters are usually accompanied by substantial evidence of sincerity. None of these letters were more gratifying to me than the following. Perhaps it is because the writer thereof was the first collector whose name was entered on my books when the REVIEW became a subscription journal:

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb'y 13, 1882.

DEAR SIR:—Enclosed please find twenty-five cents to pay for a year's subscription. I think the REVIEW is the best stamp paper I ever came across. I like it much better than Scott's or Durbin's, or in fact any other that I have seen. \* \* \*

WALTER B. WILLCOX.

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It is the fate of journals that are outspoken and fearless, like the REVIEW, to make enemies. This, though it is regretted, cannot be helped. It also gives an opportunity to a class of beings who possess an unquenchable desire to appear in print. This is also to be regretted, but cannot be helped. One of this class, a philatelic crank named Breitfuss, of St. Petersburg, Russia, came across my first article on Russian envelopes, which one of my exchanges saw fit to copy. He hailed it as a magnificent opportunity to get into print, and—got there. It is not my purpose to notice and advertise every fool of this order, but as this St. Petersburg crank is a fair specimen of this species, I will note a few of his statements:

"One of those good-natured friends whose mission in life it is to call our attention to anything disagreeable which may be said of us, has kindly sent me the last December number of an American stamp journal entitled the *Stamp News*, published by a Mr. Rasmussen, in which that gentleman is at the pains to say certain silly things concerning the surcharged

Russian envelopes. Judging of this journal by the only copy I have ever seen, I can hardly believe that its influence is great, even in the district in which it is published."

The joke of the above is that the publishers of the *Stamp News* reprinted my article and sent their paper to the St. Petersburg crank. He, mistaking it for my paper, slashes into it in a commendable manner. Unfortunately the mistake and the person upset the value of the criticism.

"No. 226 of the *Timbre Poste*, which contains my article on the surcharged envelopes in question, also contains copies *in extenso* of the official documents authorizing and explaining their conversion and use. Does Mr. Rasmussen accuse me of forging these documents as well as of inventing the envelopes?"

When I shall search the philatelic dog for fleas I may be reminded of Mr. Breitfuss' existence. So far I have wasted no thoughts on him.

"Mr. Rasmussen says that he has also written to the Post-office department at St. Petersburg respecting these surcharged envelopes. I have shown the heads of the department his article in the *Stamp News*, and they tell me that they have as yet received no communication from him."

I did not say that I had written, nor did, or do, I intend to. Life is too short for such nonsense. The same may be said of replying to persons of the Breitfuss order.

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As it may interest my readers to learn the methods pursued by some of our dealers to get at the shekels of the advanced collector, I will give a portion of a private letter written by one of our oldest dealers. I shall suppress some of the names given, for the reason that at this date nothing could be accomplished by publishing them, and those who have more than a passing interest in the matter will doubtless know who are referred to. This letter was written shortly after I published Wm. P. Brown's exposure of Dr. Petrie's Greenville Local, and that portion of it which touches this subject is as follows:

"\* \* \* \* \* As to the facts in regard to the Greenville, they are doubtless true, and I have no doubt Dr. Petrie had the thing counterfeited as alleged. But what if he did? And what is the Greenville? Who substantiated its existence? Now listen: I visited New York in October, 1870. While

there — showed me *the only original specimen of the Greenville local*. I journeyed to — the same day, and saw — for the first time. *He also kindly showed me the only genuine, original Greenville*, of which he was the favored possessor, per favor of some distinguished and celebrated collector of Philadelphia, of whom I never before or since heard. I did not wonder, for I had read that in the various churches in Italy, Spain and elsewhere there were preserved erstwhile a sufficient number of the spikes which nailed the Saviour to the cross to erect several shanties, and I dismissed the subject. I am satisfied it is a fraud. It was one of —'s early 'discoveries,' and I remember his journal stating that *only nine or ten* were known to exist. It was carefully managed by the aid of a confederate at the South, probably the party who personates C. H. Charlton, and one or two suffered to leak out in an apparently natural way. Then in 1874 comes E. W. Cohen, or 'Kohn,' and I much suspect that by his aid the country had been *planted*, as Kohn was beyond all doubt —'s confederate; and bye and bye would leak around to the dealers in New York a 'real genuine Greenville.' At least the party down South was honest. He got the stamp truly as he alleged, for it was planted by Kohn, and he believed in it. It is accepted as genuine, the gull down South is paid a middling price, and then a few more of the same stamp make their quiet appearance, and as they are identical they pass as real."

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I have often referred to Scott's auction sales as a means of obtaining bargains. It is certainly understood by those who favor Mr. Scott with their bids that he is to make purchases at the lowest possible figure. In the preface of his catalogue he says: "Always state your highest price, relying on the honor of those you employ to make the purchase for you at the lowest possible figure." If collectors could find dealers honorable enough to purchase on the above terms, auction sales would certainly be advantageous to collectors. I am sorry to say, however, that I cannot commend Mr. Scott to collectors who desire to buy at the lowest possible figure. My reason is this: One night a Philippine stamp was put up and

\$2.50 in small bids was offered. Scott at once jumped the bid up to \$19.00, an out of town collector having sent him a bid of \$20.00 for it. I do not know that \$2.55 would have bought the stamp, but certainly there is a wide margin between \$2.50 and \$19.00.

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Charley Coster, though no longer a stamp collector, is still Scott's henchman—perhaps that is why he attended the Kottshofske sale. At any rate he was on hand, and paid with a cheque which was No. 1 in a new cheque book. I can give other instances which indicate, *and have convinced me*, that not one in twelve of the high bids is a real sale.

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I see a New York paper called the *Library Table* is trying to work up a boom for a stamp society in New York. The boom, however, will confine itself to the office of the paper that is agitating the subject. Years ago, when philately was booming, stamp societies had but a mushroom existence in New York. In Boston philatelic matters are equally dull. Trifet's business is selling chromatic cards, photographs, stationery, etc., and he finds this much better business than waiting on boys who take an hour to make a fifty cent purchase. The number of advanced collectors there can be counted on the fingers of a one-armed man. In Philadelphia matters are equally dull. Baltimore contains a small lot of enthusiastic school-boys who will doubtless be sick of stamps by the end of the year. Cincinnati has about a dozen dealers, but no collectors. This is the condition of philately in the cities. What the country will do for the city dealer we can tell better after the hog and corn crop has gone to market.

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W. P. Brown's auction sale demonstrated that U. S. Local stamps are in demand. The following is a list of the principal stamps and the prices at which they were sold:

Blood and Co., man stepping over houses, no inscription, black	\$ 7 25
—, similar design, name above	8 50
—, The third type with CITY DESPATCH below	10 00
—, Dove, with letter, small oval, black on green	4 00
Brady & Co., Chicago, penny post, lilac	4 00

Brown & Co., large numeral, 1c., black	10 25
City Dispatch Post, head, 2c., red	10 25
—, another, not quite as fine	6 25
City Post, fancy type in red border, small oblong	8 25
Proton Mills paid, sheaf of wheat in small circular fancy frame. This stamp is quite new to us, it is hand stamped on a circular letter, and we should judge it represented a postal department of the firm's business	11 00
Mail (Hartford), man stepping over river, yellow	7 25
Letter Express City Mail, large numeral in center, heart shape, 1c., red	18 00



## EXPLANATORY AND APOLOGETIC.

It appears that when we referred to M. Moens as the father of "the Moresnet swindle" we were guilty of something more than a mistake. Our more or less esteemed contemporary, the London Record, looks upon the matter as a damnable attempt to blacken a saint's character, and we must confess that in the light of facts now known to us it would be about as easy for a man to hold himself out of a window by the seat of his pantaloons as to make out M. Moens a swindler on that score. Therefore we feel that it is due M. Moens as well as ourselves to give the facts of the Moresnet affair, and to state how we were misled into calling that a swindle which ought to have been termed a sell.

Some seven or eight years ago we came across an allusion to M. Moens in the columns of an eastern journal which read as follows:

"The bogus *Sobre Porte*, New Granada, Moresnet, Fernando Poo, and many others were *fathered by Monsieur le inventeur*, M. Moens, of Brussels."

The above was written by a gentleman who had a world-wide reputation as a philatelic writer before many of our readers thought of stamps.

Certainly such a writer ought to know whereof he was speaking. Therefore when we wrote to him for information regarding the so-called Moresnet stamp, and he replied that he could not then find the magazines containing an account of the "Moresnet swindle," we naturally used his language—

i. e. the word swindle—when we had occasion to allude to it and its father, M. Moens. Thus our readers will see that we were misled. But we shall not plead the baby act and reproach the gentleman whose conduct we have a right to complain of—far from it. An editor is responsible for that which appears in his journal, and if he is honest he will correct an error at the first opportunity. We now do this by publishing the following concerning the Moresnet joke, for which we are indebted to Mr. John K. Tiffany:

## "MOENS' APRIL FOOL.

"To those familiar with the literature of that day it will occur that M. Moens, annoyed at the copious extracts, &c. cribbed from his paper by various others, attempted this April fool with a somewhat brilliant success. There were then in existence in Europe and America eleven stamp papers besides Moens'. Maury's *Collection News* was not, however, published for five months, and the joke was too well known before his paper could have copied it. Two German papers there were, but these do not seem to have known of the existence of any French papers. Both the English papers were sold in one number and acknowledged the hoax gracefully in their next number. Of the five American papers then published four swallowed the bait one month and acknowledged it as a good hoax the next. Taylor, in his *Record*, announced the stamps with reserve one month and the next indulged in the following:

## "MORESNET?"

"For Gallic faith is brittle troth,  
Moresnet did'st thou say?  
I'll pledge me for no Frenchman's word  
Even on the *first of May*."

"The so-called stamps of Moresnet turn out to be a hoax gotten up by a Belgian dealer as a new method of celebrating the first of April."

"Hence you will see that all who saw the paper were April-fooled, and all acknowledged it as a *hoax*, and some as a good one. I don't think any one ever regarded it otherwise until —'s article you mention and a few boys' papers since, whose editors think it grand to pitch into the larger dealers in general.

"This is a full history of the matter, but it ought to be noticed that even in his first mention of the stamps Moens did not insert them among his 'New Issues,' but described them in a separate letter, which of itself ought to have warned every one, and that his second article was a *very* full explanation. That Mahe, who was the party principally aimed at, never accused Moens of having made or sold a single stamp—but of writing the article and furnishing him, Mahe, with an electrotype to illustrate his with. As but three of these papers acknowledged where they prigged their articles from, the evidence of their copying without acknowledgment was complete."



### PHILATELIC ANATOMY.

**I**N Philately, as in other and more abstruse sciences, it is no doubt well to begin at the beginning; but we feel impelled to ask, How long is an intelligent collector, even though his summers be few, to be held down to the starting point, and be regaled year after year with infant-school teaching as to the management of his album? As surely as a new stamp periodical appears, so inevitably are we treated to the same old exhortation—seldom even rehashed—as to the desirability of selecting clean specimens rather than dirty ones, and all the other trivialities *ad nauseum*, which seem to be seldom read and never attended to. The condescension of the juvenile editors who address themselves to “young beginners” would be amusing had it not become tiresome, but when they call to their aid bigger boys, who ought to know better, unmistakable symptoms of aggravation are apt to become developed. It has been said that a German cannot write a book upon any subject without taking the deluge as a starting-point, and we are inclined to think that our philatelic dwellers upon the threshold might vary the monotony of their twaddle to advantage by holding forth upon all the ingredients of a letter before it is ready for the stamp. Indeed, we are inclined to cut the ground from beneath their lagging feet, and start a series of papers upon the common objects of the writing desk as an introduction to the study of philately. Suppose we began thus:

**ENVELOPES.**—It behooves us to consider, dear children, whether the growing tendency on the part of manufacturing stationers to cover every available portion of their envelope flaps with gum is an unmistakable mark of advancing civilization. Nearly all the rare old German stamped envelopes are at once to be distinguished from the reprints by their having the “short gum”—that is, a little patch not bigger than the ornamental tress, or occupying about as much space as the already dying-out wafer was wont to do—whereas, the reprints, furnished up in later times, generally have the “long gum,”

which is, after all, nothing as compared with the imposing strip of cement which now runs from corner to corner of our envelopes. And, oh, the bitterness of the struggle to get some of these open! A Chubb's safe were easier dealt with than these apparently limp and unresisting paper bags. We have watched both the impatient and the phlegmatic man at work, and having mournfully verified the failure of both we are yet seeking for a middle mode of procedure which may help us out of the difficulty. The impatient man, after a hasty search for some weak point wherein he may thrust his forefinger, and the utterance of a Pish! which verges upon the confines of profanity, has been known to attack the missive with his teeth and toe-nails, to roll over it, and finally draw forth the contents in a crushed and sadly disreputable condition. The phlegmatic man goes to work more calmly, but hardly attains to greater success. Other and more important problems in life he is no doubt destined to solve satisfactorily; for this is the never-sufficiently-to-be-admired creature, who not only possesses a pair of scissors, but always knows where to find them. It is palpitating to watch him delicately introduce the point of the weapon, snip across with demure precision, and finally withdraw the letter most beautifully cut in half! Commending you, dear young friends, to an anxious and conscientious study of the every-day envelope, we will now pass on to consider the

**INKSTAND.**—It is astonishing what inspiration may be drawn from this humble servant of literature. There are inkstands and inkstands, and there are even inkbottles. When we read Charles Lamb or Henri Murger, and revel in the glory of their unshackled babble, as of green fields, it is born in upon us that they never decanted their ink, but dipped their pens direct into penny bottles, which they purchased from time to time, or got on credit. There are other writers, on the contrary, who, we feel equally sure, are largely indebted for some of their grandiloquent periods to the heavy cut bottles and gorgeous standish which go to form a standing exhortation to abstain from frivolity. In early life we were for a time enslaved to an inkstand. It was a ponderous metal construction, furnished

with artful springs and screws, which had been built, sometime in the last century, to the order of an ancestor of ours, who served his king and country on the seas, and who was prouder of having been the architect of this his travelling inkstand than of being the hero of many doughty deeds with which his name is yet connected. The inkstand, though sorely dented by many a roll off the cuddy table in stormy weather, survived our ancestor, and was preserved as a family relic. Once, when about to return to school we were solemnly presented with it, and the occasion was improved to admonish us to follow in the footsteps of the naval hero in so far as it was compatible with a strict injunction to disregard the wiles of Captain Marrayat, and never to dream of going to sea. We carried it off with pride, and very shortly after our arrival at school we gazed upon our treasure through a pair of magnificently blackened eyes, the result of our resenting some gibing remarks passed upon it by an irreverent schoolmate. It was never desecrated by being dipped into for the purpose of writing exercises or *pensums*. We kept it in our bedroom, and wrote our home letters with its contents. A delicate allusion to it, and to its former possessor, who, when time had dimmed our recollection of the vivacity of his character and the crudity of his salt-sea oburgations, was much beloved, was almost infallible in producing the desired tip. From its depths we evolved that intercepted letter to the adored one at Miss Buckram's Select Establishment, hard by, which brought upon us so much annoyance and suffering. Time and travel had somewhat impaired the solidity of its springs and screws, and it had a gruesome habit of springing open in the dead of night and starting us from our sleep in a cold perspiration. But for all that we clung to it, and loved it. From time to time we would turn out the ink and convert it into a happy home for caterpillars, although this was perhaps more particularly our opinion than that of the larvæ in question. But when, on the second of two occasions, whilst serving as the asylum of a grub, which we fondly hoped would one day develope into a Privet moth, it fell from our window-sill, carrying with it the half-brick which controlled the perversity of its springs, it was

confiscated. It had just missed the French master, and buried itself deeply in the ground at his feet, and it was explained to us, more firmly than gently, that we and our treasure must part. When the holidays came round we enquired anxiously for it, intending to restore it to its pedestal amongst the family *penates*, but it was not to be found; and, strange to say, the family did not seem to be by any means so inconsolable for its loss as we had feared.

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SAXONY.

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ON THE beginning of 1850 the Saxon Post-office began to consider the advisability of introducing stamps. They applied for counsel in the matter to the Postal authorities of Bavaria, who enjoyed the proud pre-eminence of mentors, to which the adoption of stamps in 1849 entitled them. In response to this appeal the Bavarians sent copies of all their acts and decrees relating to the issue of stamps to Dresden, together with samples of their adhesives, accompanied by an intimation that the Bavarian 4 kreuser stamp was about to be changed in colour from black to *green*, a proposal which was never carried into effect.

The first Saxon postage stamp, issued on the 29th of June, 1850, was the well known and now scarce 3 pfennig, red, of which we have met with more forgeries than of any other stamp ever printed. It was prepared by J. B. Hirschfeld, a lithographer of Leipsic, and is in many respects a copy of the then current Bavarian postage stamps, which seem to have served him as models. This label, designed for the prepayment of newspapers only, was from the first regarded as a provisional, although its use was insisted upon, and from the date of its emission the mere money prepayment of newspapers was forbidden. The 3 pfennig stamps were printed in sheets of twenty, and in all 25,000 sheets, or 500,000 stamps, were prepared, of which 463,078 were sold to the public, and 36,922 were burnt by order of the authorities, at Leipsic, on the 10th of December, 1851.

Whilst the first Saxon stamp had been designed without much care or fuss, many and deep were the deliberations before the per-

manent issue was decided upon. Essays for the new stamps were tendered by Messrs. Hirschfeld and Pressler, and the designs of the former were accepted. Then the question as to the printing of them arose. The authorities objected to wood engraving, and found copper-plate too expensive. Finally Messrs. C. C. Meinhold & Sons, of Dresden, and their glyptographic process found favour, and poor Hirschfeld's designs were handed over to them to execute, only the printing of the 3 pfennig, arms, being left in his hands. The 3 pfennig, green, arms, and the  $\frac{1}{2}$  groschen, grey, 1 rose, 2 blue, and 3 yellow, with profile of King Frederick Augustus to right, were issued, in sheets of 100 stamps, on the 29th July, 1851. In August, 1851, one of the receiving offices in Leipsic represented to the head office that there had been delivered to it some stamps of the colour of the 2 groschen, but with the value of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  groschen. Five of the stamps had been sold before the error was discovered, and the remainder were returned to the head office.

The death of King Frederick Augustus, on the 9th of August, 1854, and the accession of King John, rendered a new issue of stamps necessary. The numismatic rule of setting the profile of a reigning sovereign the reverse way to that in which it was placed on the coins, &c., of his predecessor was followed, and a new portrait of the new king was provided, otherwise the stamps were as little altered in design as possible. The 3 pfennig, with arms, was used as before, and Messrs. Meinhold again got the contract for the four higher values, which were issued on the 1st May, 1855, as well as for the 5 and 10 groschen, issued on the 24th April, 1856. In November, 1857, complaints were made that the 5 groschen stamps were brown rather than red—the stipulated colour—and the contractors were called upon to take back a large number and replace them by others.

In March, 1861, the chief of the Prussian Post-office called attention to the confusion caused by each German state having its stamps of so many different hues, and suggested: 1st, that stamps of similar values—although such values might be in schillings, grote, groschen, or kreusers—should be printed in identical colours; 2nd, that the

same rule should apply to stamped envelopes; 3rd, that all stamped envelopes should have the stamp printed in the right upper corner, and that adhesives should be affixed in the same position; and, 4th, that the institution of these alterations should be accompanied by new issues of envelopes and adhesives. Later on the same official suggested that no stamps of a higher value than 5 groschen should be issued. These propositions met with general approval, and the Saxon authorities set about arranging for a new emission, and invited competitors to send in designs. Only four firms competed—Messrs. Hirschfeld, Meinhold and Sons, Blochman and Son, of Dresden; and Giesecke and Devrient, of Leipsic. To the last of these the palm was awarded, and their embossed stamps, printed in sheets of 100, were issued on the 1st July, 1863. In 1867 complaints were made that there were too many variations in the colour of the 5 groschen value, and the contractors printed some in what they called a lilac shade in which there would be fewer variations. It was found, however, that the new shade was too much like that of the 1 groschen, rose, and all the stamps printed in it were condemned. Finally, the greenish-lilac colour was adopted and used until, on the 1st January, 1868, the postal issues of Saxony were absorbed in those of the North German Postal Confederation.—*P. R. Review of a History of the Postal Value-Signs of the Kingdom of Saxony, by Dr. P. Kloss.*

#### ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

On the 1st May, 1858, the well known series of three values (with clasped hands, holding a pole surmounted by the Phrygian cap) was issued and adopted by thirteen out of the fourteen provinces forming the Confederation—the fourteenth (Buenos Ayres), then an independent state, issuing a series of stamps of its own at the same period. War having broken out between the Confederation and Buenos Ayres, the latter state proved victorious at the battle of Pavon, on the 17th September, 1861. During this three months' war the Postal Administration of Rosario, having run short of 5 centavos stamps, being unable to obtain a fresh supply from Parana, where they were



lithographed, and reprobating the using of halves of 10 centavos, and thirds of 15 centavos stamps, to represent the missing value, issued the 5 centavos stamp similar to that of the first emission, but with *large* numeral of value. This stamp has not only been reprinted, but two other values, which never had any existence in fact, were fabricated to match it. Upon friendship being restored among the combatants, General Mitre assumed the Presidency of the Republic, and on the 11th January, 1862, were issued the stamps with the arms wreathed in bays. Our readers have already learned, from a paper contributed to our pages last March by M. Moens, that he denies the existence of more than one type of any of this issue save the 5 centavos. The strongest argument adduced by M. Moens in favour of this assertion is that Mr. Lange, the lithographer who designed and printed the stamps, declares that he made a transfer of the 5 centavos only. The stamps of this emission have been reprinted to any extent, the stones being in the possession of an English dealer. The three values with portrait of Rivadavia, forming the issue of the 17th April, 1864, were designed and printed in England—perhaps by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon and Co. Supplies of the stamps, perforate and imperforate, a provision of the watermarked paper, and a perforating machine, were sent from England with the plates, from which stamps were printed on paper plain or watermarked, as a regular issue, or as provisionals (as in 1872) when the supplies of the American Bank Note Company ran out. M. Moens shows that there was only one perforation (machine 12) of this issue, the so-called pin-perforation only arising from the clumsiness with which the perforating machine was handled, leading to its ultimate wreckage. The three values issued—the 5 c. on the 1st September, 1867, and the 10 and 15 c. on the 1st January, 1868—were supplied by the American Bank Note Company, from whom all the stamps, envelopes, wrappers and cards since used in the Republic have been obtained. The wear of the plates from which the 5 and 15c. stamps were printed gave rise to some apparent differences in backgrounds of these values, some of the lines having almost disappeared. Of the five values issued in

1873, the 1 and 4c. came into circulation on the 15th March, and the 30, 60, and 90c. on the 8th October. New postal regulations came into force on the 1st January, 1877, before the new stamps destined to defray the new rates were ready. There was consequently a great run on the 1c. stamps to make up the amounts, and the stock of them was soon exhausted. The Director of Posts was authorized on the 31st January to convert 400,000 5c. stamps, by means of a surcharge, into stamps of 1c.; and on the 20th February he was further authorized to convert, by the same means, 500,000 10c. stamps into 8c., and 200,000 5c. into 2c. The 5c. surcharged 8, and the 30c. surcharged 24, as well as those varieties with reversed and horizontal surcharges, which are sometimes offered to collectors, are purely bogus. Of the six stamps issued in May and June, 1877, and March, 1878 and 1880, the 8, 16, 24, and 25c. are modifications of stamps of other values previously issued. Why the 25c. should be perforated, whilst all the others are rouletted, is not explained.—*P. R. Review of Moens' Bibliotheque des Timbrophiles Argentine Republic.*

#### THE PRICE OF REVENUE STAMPS.

Congress having abolished the quick medicine and brimstone tax, the collector of revenues can look forward to the day when his work will be finished. In the meantime the price of most revenues will doubtless increase. At Wm. P. Brown's sale the choicest revenues brought the following prices:

##### MATCH STAMPS.

New York Match Co., 5c., blue	\$ 1 00
D. M. Richardson, portrait, 1c., carmine	2 25
—, 3c., scarlet	2 00
Pierce Match Co., volcano, 1c., green	4 58
T. Gorman & Bro., portrait, 1c., black	3 00
W. E. Doolittle, portrait, oblong, 1c., blue	3 75
Etna Match Co., eagle on branch, 1c., green	3 50
V. R. Powell, wrapper, 1c., black on white	5 00
John J. Macklin, Shanghai matches	5 00
Byam, Carlton & Co., two heads, small white wrapper	2 00

##### MEDICINE STAMPS.

T. J. Husband, 2c., violet	10 50
D. S. Barnes, 4c., scarlet	10 00
Bennett Pieters & Co., 6c., black	5 00
Mercado & Sully, 2c., black	4 05
T. W. Marsden, 2c., blue	12 25
Moore's pills, 2c., black, pink paper	5 00

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**THINGS PHILATELIC.**



In a former number we stated on the authority of the Chicago Times, that Sir Rowland Hill was safely placed at the foot of a tower in or at Newman Hall's church. Our very highly esteemed contemporary, the London Record, held up its hands in holy horror at this, and subsequently the equally highly esteemed editor thereof informed us through a confidential letter that we had committed a fearful mistake. We now hasten to correct that terrible mistake, lest all that is mortal of Sir Rowland should rest uneasy in its grave. 'Tis not the father of our postal system, but an English divine, that rests at the foot of the tower.

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The Chicago Times and the REVIEW were not alone in confounding the two Rowlands. We have a friend, who, it pains us to say, is a Thomas Paine man in religion and politics, but is also a good philatelist, who buys the literature of his hobby whenever opportunity offers. Recently he saw advertised a "Life of Rowland Hill," which he promptly ordered a newsdealer to obtain for him. The evening that it arrived our friend was perusing Ingersoll's latest, which he laid aside to glance over the new-comer. In about three minutes the room was filled with a blue cloud of cuss words. Our friend had bought the life of the English divine instead of that of the postal reformer.

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We related the above joke to an acquaintance, who then told us a little story concerning the same gentleman, which will bear repeating. We will call our friend A., who, one evening during a lull before another beer, informed B. that he (A.) was about to be married.

"What!" said B., "you marry! why, you can't support yourself yet."

"Well, that's so," replied A., "but its a darn poor woman that can't help a fellow a little."

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When a man enters the post-office and sees a woman standing at the delivery, he braces up, smiles, and concludes to wait patiently a few moments. If there are two women there, he sneaks up behind them and tries to wink to the clerk to get his mail. But when one of the women enters into conversation with the official as to the reason why the magazine has not come, and how long before it will be here, and if he is sure he looked in the right box, the citizen jams his hat down over his eyes and strides out of the post-office lobby in a way that would do credit to a professional pedestrian. The next day he negotiates for a lock-box.—*Exchange.*

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Mark Twain's Jumping Frog yarn "restored to the English tongue after martyrdom in the French" has been pronounced funny by some of the readers of that wit, but we do not think that it will compare with the following effort—a philatelic advertisement which we have declined to insert in our advertising columns, believing this to be the proper place:

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The forty-second auction sale was a collection, formerly the property of Maj.-Gen. Raffalovich, of Russia, so well known in New York six years ago. The catalogue was beautifully illustrated with a photo plate of the rarest stamps, some of which realized high prices, notably the Brattleboro, \$150.00; the 5c. St. Louis, \$30.00, and

others; still we are convinced that if the same pieces were to be sold to-morrow they would bring a fair advance on the prices just paid.—*A. J. of P.*

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The Wm. P. Brown auction sale netted about five thousand dollars. Messrs. Sterling, Levick, Cahman, Graham, Bogert, Seebeck, Cole, Morey, Gomey, Adee and Dix were among the gentlemen present. There was only one lot (No. 367) on which there was any spirited bidding. Graham ran the bid up to five dollars. Mr. Levick saw him five better and took it. Billy laughed, and everybody smiled except Levick, who would have sworn had not Adee called him out to take a glass of beer. Brown presented every visitor with a copy of Linsley's paper, a miserably printed affair. At the close the auctioneer acted very funny, and Adee suggested that as William had been giving out tracts, perhaps he was dis-tract-ed because he had not got one. Mr. Sterling purchased stamps to amount of \$629.00.

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J. M. Chute, Boston; L. G. Custer, St. Louis, and W. J. McCullough, Davenport, have, for a time at least, abandoned the walks of philately and will walk their bedroom floor at midnight instead, and doubtless some of their spare cash will be invested in soothing syrup. All this is demoralizing to philately, but calls for our heartiest congratulations. No, thank you, we don't drink.

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Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co. send us the following news items:

*Liberia*.—New 8c. and 16c. stamps are in preparation.

*Orange Free State*.—Halfpenny and three-penny stamps are about to be issued.

*Siam*.—A set of new stamps will shortly be issued, if it has not already taken place. We expect a supply very shortly.

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If we understand Mr. Adee aright, the last revenue issued by the U. S. was the E. W. Hoyt & Co. 2c. black, same design and shape as their 1c. and 4c. Mr. Adee writes: "The mania at present in the way of stamps is collecting the different tin-foils which have the U. S. Revenue on them. I believe there are some 125 varieties.

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*BURNETT*.—"Philatelic Anatomy" is by M. Burnett, in the Philatelic Record.



LETTERS not containing stamp for reply, and questions which may interest our readers, will be answered here.

G. A. CALMAN.—Glad to hear that Brown has not gone into Bankruptcy. Our informant is a New York dealer, and the item was published as a matter of news. Spite be hanged.

J. NASU.—As you say, Durbin, Seebeck and others speak of the Chinese stamps as *genuine locals*. However, none of the Chinese officials in this country appear to know anything about them. Your second question we cannot answer, but we have received Columbia stamps from him that are either counterfeits or poor reprints.

E. S. and others.—Advertisements declined. We advertise none but well known dealers.

M. E. R., N. Y.—You argue that if a specimen passes through the mails it is a bona fide postage stamp. Yes, a 20 kopee, not a 7 kopee, as the surcharge was not recognized by the P. O. Department, and if any one collects it because of the surcharge, and as something else than an essay, they might as well collect the U. S. envelopes which have the address or business cards printed on them—a freak which might be designated as the acme of philatelic imbecility.

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J. T. HANDFORD'S DIRECTORY has just come to hand as we are going to press. This number is a great improvement on the first. The covers very pretty and tasteful, in three colors. The printing is very much better than before, and great many more names as collectors appear. Mr. Handford announces his intention of making his Directory a regular publication, and solicits aid from the public. His enterprise in the project has been commendable, and we wish him every success.—*Baltimore Philatelist*, February, 1882.

THE STAMP COLLECTORS' DIRECTORY, published by Mr. J. T. Handford, of New York, came promptly to hand about the 1st ult. It is superbly gotten up, and shows excellent compiling. Mr. Handford announces that it will appear regularly on the first of every year hereafter.—*Queen City Collector*, January, 1882.

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MR. J. T. HANDFORD, whose name is sufficient guarantee for all his representations, has forwarded us a copy of the Stamp Collectors' Directory for 1882, and it is not only up to, but surpasses the claims set forth in his circular for it. It is, without doubt, the finest and most complete Directory of the kind ever published. It is a work that should receive its full share of support from the dealers, and should grace the library table of every collector. Although impossible for such a work to approach anything near completeness, it contains the names and addresses of 1,000 collectors, and we trust ere another year rolls round the dealers will give Mr. H. such encouragement that will enable him to insert 50,000 names instead of 1,000 in his next issue. He has our best wishes.—*Collectors' Library Table*, February, 1882.

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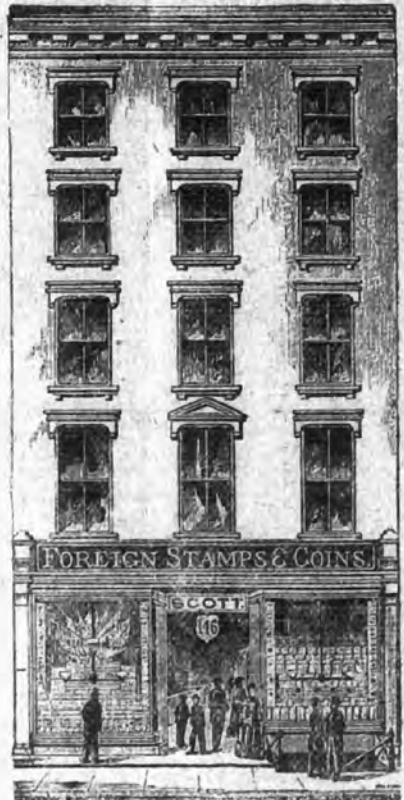
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Enquiries at various times during a three months stay in Bombay had the same results. No letters from Cashmere were ever paid with postage stamps, and so the stamp harvest that he reaped consisted, to the great disgust of his friend in New England, of a limited number of the early issues of India, of a fair sprinkling of the Portuguese India issue and a large number of the Indian revenue stamps, some of the latter of varieties and designs probably unique and unseen before by most Americans, and not a single Cashmere stamp was he able to procure or get a sight of during his stay there.

This we are aware is not conclusive evidence, but we submit that it is quite as conclusive as the opinions of leading philatelists, or the fact of the stamps being seen on letters; and when we remember how the distinguished author of the work on forged

stamps, Mr. W. Dudley Atlee, succeeded in putting the Pahlunpoor frauds on the world; when we remember the Kappurthula things which are credited to the wretched schoolmaster Casey; the Siamese creations; the doubt as to whether the alleged Alwar are revenue or postal, and the early oval large size Cashmere, long since discarded for some unknown reason, as well as the "Elephant" designs for India—remembering all these, it is not to be wondered at if the Cashmeres and others should be bogus after all.

Why not? The dealer editor has no stomach for expunging two or three dozen or more stamps from his catalogue, simply because they are bogus.

A dozen years ago a stamp for Holte, a town said to be in Denmark, appeared and many thousands of them probably have been sold by dealers all over the world. After it had appeared five or six years the French Timbrological Society investigated it, and the result of its investigation was that the society ascertained that it was utterly spurious, and that no such stamp was ever issued. This report was fully set down in their minutes, and may be read there by any one interested; for, although it took them five years to find it out, Denmark is not so far away as Cashmere, and facts can be determined there on more than opinion.

Well, what of it? That Holte stamp, bogus though it has been declared, is sold to-day, warranted genuine, by nearly all the dealers in Europe and America; and if, as our esteemed cotemporary suggests, our zeal has exceeded our discretion, we may be pardoned for just the faintest suspicion that in this case at least, he has allowed his interest to warp his judgement, and for which, as he is but human, we freely forgive him.

#### THE RECORD GONE WRONG.

The erudite and gentlemanly editor of the *London Record* has strayed into a wrong path, and we fear unbeknown to him. We know he will not hurt it, but we trust he will meander back to the old path and shine on us as brightly as of yore. We say of yore because the light which the *Record* at present sheds is like that of a flickering tallow candle. Doubtless the



learned and honorable editor is aware of this, as he seeks to increase the luminiferous quality of his journal with borrowed American gas—American expressions, or slang, as the cultured editor of the *Record* once saw fit to term our Americanisms. Had we the courage to express our disapproval we would protest against this slangy phraseology on personal grounds. Some time ago we discarded Webster because we regarded the *Record* a superior authority in the matter of correct and elegant English. Alas! that we went back on that good old man.

Notwithstanding our feeling of profound horror for American slang, we must confess that the paragraphs which paralyzed us are the brightest in the number before us; therefore we offer no apology in reproducing them. In speaking of the newly issued stamps of Jhind the scholarly editor says: "They are in sheets of fifty, each stamp on the sheet being of a different type, the five values producing 250 varieties. If collectors do their duty, and go in for an entire sheet of each value, the natives will find that they have adopted an excellent method of raising the wind; on the other hand, we think it our duty to warn them that if they repeat these little jokes too often they will probably only succeed in raising the (Jh) indignation of philatelists."

Again, under the head of "Bavaria," he says: "M. Moens does not often play tricks upon us, but on the First of April last he chronicled a long list of unpaid letter stamps, which now turn out to be fiscals. To collectors of all sorts of stamps, from tram-car tickets to *bung labels*, this would be no drawback; but as collectors of postage stamps, we trust to see no more of these things in *Le Timbre Poste*."

Now we must protest against the expressions we have italicized. Why, oh! why yank language from the pools of American slang? We sorrowfully confess that we made use of these very words some months ago, but we repented it. It may be a compliment to us to imitate our style of phraseology, but we protest at the risk of hurting the feelings of the "profoundly and supremely respectable" editor, that it is not in good taste to do this after having censured us and pronounced us slangy.

N. B.—After having finished the above we felt an approaching drought. A schooner has for a time overcome that danger, and now after reading the above we have concluded it is all a mistake. The esteemed editor of the *Record* pays for the REVIEW, and he is therefore entitled to whatever he can learn therefrom, and we are pleased to know that he has learned something.

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PERSONAL.



THIS is said to be an excellent likeness of the late E. L. Pemberton, who died December 12th, 1878, thirty-four years of age. Mr. P., left a wife and small family, who are to a great extent dependent upon the business of which Mr. P. was the senior member. This firm is now engaged in publishing a catalogue for advanced collectors. It will be the first of its kind issued in English, but we doubt that it will prove a financial success.

Sterling.—Mr. E. B. Sterling has issued a very complete catalogue of all U. S. stamps, finely illustrated; price 25 cts. Also a list of tin foils, which will doubtless be useful to all revenue collectors.

Donahue.—J. P. Donahue, a favorably known collector, and the winner of the tub race of the Mississippi Valley rowing regatta, is attending school at Georgetown, D. C.

Trifet.—It appears that what F. Trifet inherited at his father's death was not one-tenth what he expected. C. H. Campbell, Trifet's former clerk, who has been in business for himself during the past two years, is now working for Trifet again.



"Truth written with a ray of light,  
Is truth made obviously plain."

THE article which follows I received for publication a short time ago, and I lay it before my readers with a feeling of pleasure—not because of its trenchant, forcible language, but because it is written by a well known collector, an able lawyer, and proves that the views of this journal are endorsed by the better element of American collectors:

"I am very glad to see you take a decided step in the matter of Cabul and other so-called native Indian stamps. As stated by you, they have never been accepted by American collectors, but on the contrary have always been regarded with distrust, and collected only to a very limited extent. In the writer's opinion they are, with the exception perhaps of the Deccan issues, all humbugs, or rather, to use the most expressive word, *Carottes*, having no postal value and manufactured without authority from any government or political entity whatever. Even if exceptional ones should be genuine, the whole category should be classed with Russian and Hamburg locals, and let alone. You have already in the *Review* shown up the Guacho humbugs and the fraudulent character of the Persian (lion without figure) so-called first issue. Still other unworthy swindles are appearing. Thus, there is a late series of the Mexican colored *Porte de Mar* stamps which are quite unknown in Mexico and are simply barefaced frauds. Information received direct from the P. M. General of the state of Toluca, in the U. S. of Colombia, shows also that the 5c Registration Certificate, the 50c Registration, and 50c "A" (presumably *Anotado*, i. e. *Registered*) stamps of that state are fabrications. They are not known and recognized by him,—although they bring good prices from gulls in Europe. Persistent investigation and a succession of discoveries(!) have

brought to light a full set of Cordoban stamps, alleged to have been issued in 1860; yet residents of Buenas Ayers and of the State of Cordoba say they never heard of them. An official of the Argentine government tells the writer that they are cheats, and that such stamps never had any legitimate existence. He says too that all the stamps of *Corrientes* which are now offered for sale are "miserable counterfeits" and I believe he is right. The axiom of political economy that "the supply always equals the demand" seems to apply to the stamp trade with peculiar force. We see it exemplified in the case of *Guadalajaras*. It is safe to say that more "genuine original used" *Guadalajaras* have been sold within the past three years by one English firm alone than altogether were ever used in the Mexican town of that name. Now will doubtless come the unattainable (perhaps apocryphal) "*Monterey*" and "*Chiapas*," at prices to suit advanced collectors. Let them make a note of it. Then there is a new cloud of surcharged *Guatemalas*. Of course some of the adapted stamps of this State were genuinely surcharged, but since the new emission went into use there has been no reason to create provisionals and you may safely set down all surcharges as frauds. Manufacturing provisionals is a very easy and profitable pursuit. The dealer needs only a cheap press and a couple of dollars-worth of second hand type to do a good business. It is true he can't produce such stamps as the provisional 1d of the Orange States and some of 1c and 2c British *Guianas* and sell them *unused* to any great extent, for these are printed the first on a five shilling and the other on 96c stamps; but he can create a multitude of them with great gain to himself and satisfaction to the "advanced." One dealer advertises unused "*Turk-Islands*, 1881, provisional,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d on 6d.,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 1s. *blue*,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 1s. *prune*, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 6d., 4d. on 6d (large figure), and 4d. (small figure)" for 6 shillings and sixpence. Note that the aggregate face value of the stamps is only one shilling and that the total face value of the original stamps without surcharge (the last 4d being on 6d) is but four shillings. Then take into consideration the statement which appeared in the *Review* of December last relative to the surcharged stamps of

Turk's Island, and say whether those advertised were made by the colonial authorities or by the dealer. It is strange nobody has yet discovered and described a provisional issue for Egypt authorized by Arabi Bey! but it is not too late for a complete and well authenticated series to come to light. The greatest wonder is that the enterprising people who take care of such things are so slow about it. Another lucrative method for dealers is manipulation, by which I mean the illegitimate production of varieties—the printing of a dot, the rouletting and perforating of stamps and the changing of colors of paper and impression. The home of this industry is Germany, although London is not far behind. I understand that it is now possible and practicable to produce the scarce essay of Great Britain 1d. with "V R" in the upper angle. If so collectors will soon be able to buy them cheap—another proof that 'supply equals demand.' Certainly with the multitudinous swindles, the outrageous prices and the bewildering number of varieties and new issues, the great quantity of rarities, provisionals, fiscals used for postage, and discoveries, stamp collecting has a bad outlook for sensible people, and I do not wonder that Philbrick, Chute and others withdraw from the pursuit."

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My friend Mr. Durbin accuses me of a lack of judgment—that is the real meaning of his words. I am not a dealer, nor am I pledged to their interests; and what did my want of judgment consist of? Why, simply publishing two letters, with a few comments, reflecting on the Indian monstrosities. Quite a brilliant idea, to call this—the free expression of thought in a newspaper—a lack of judgment. But then, perhaps it is, from a dealer's point of view. I trust Mr. Durbin will pardon me for declining to accept every bit of paper which he rows is a genuine stamp. I think he means well, and I want him to believe that I do to. If he knew the number of quarters I have squandered on better things than the Indian abortions, I know he would think so. Not long ago I accepted his word regarding some so-called stamps of Cyprus. They looked all right, and they cost six glasses of pop. Alas! they proved worthless. Did I

swear? oh, no. Were I to swear over such trifling matters I would never reach that better land; but I thought of a Boston gentleman who once told me that "Philadelphia is the home of benighted ignorance on philatelic subjects;" and I concluded the Boston gentleman knew what he was talking about.

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Through the efforts of Mr. J. W. Scott an air of suspicion has been thrown about the small *Porte de Mar* stamps on thin paper. I judge Mr. Scott is at the bottom of it, as a German correspondent informs me that the *Philatelist*, of Dresden, published a statement contributed by Scott, that the *New Porte de Mar* stamps are denied by the Mexican government. I do not understand how this can be, as I know of a letter from the General Post-office in Mexico bearing two of these stamps, and it also bears the New York post-mark. Further than this, Mr. J. M. Chute, of Boston, informs me that he has bought them from the Mexican P. O., and sets from the Vera Cruz office. In the face of this it is absurd to howl them down as some of our contemporaries are doing, though it may be well enough to investigate fully before purchasing. The editor of the *C. L. T.*, in speaking of them says: "We demand from England an explanation and defence." I imagine Mr. Gladstone and his colleagues have more serious things to worry them than the demands of the *C. L. T.*, but perhaps the youthful editor only meant to call on English stamp collectors.

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Striking this everlasting subject of youthful editor, reminds me of an article in the *Empire Philatelist*, a new journal hailing from N. Y. The editor says: "I trust the reader will not consider it out of place in giving a brief history, etc., of the rarest stamp (postage) in the world. Charles Connell was Postmaster-General of New Brunswick in 1861. A while after he had entered on his duties he thought he could improve the stamps of the province. He got up a design and employed the American Bank Note Co., of this city, to print them. He put a different design on each value, on the 5c. his own portrait. The 5c. stamp was only issued one day and that is the reason of its rarity." Now to begin with the

Connell stamp is only an essay. There is conclusive proof that none were ever used. Its rarity will be appreciated when it is known that it generally takes the tremendous sum of seventy-five cts. to buy a specimen. Of course such stamps as the circular B. Guiana 2 cent rose, 4 cent yellow, Canada 12 pence black, India  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna red, Mauritius 1856 surcharged 4 pence green, etc., must hereafter take a back seat. Now for the history of the Connell essay: I have a copy of a letter received from the New Brunswick Post-office Department, years ago, from which I make extracts—“In the latter part of 1860 a contract was entered into with the A. B. N. Co., of New York, for the manufacture of a new series of stamps. The dies were prepared, and specimens in various colors were struck off and forwarded to the New Brunswick Government. The fact of Mr. Connell's portrait being placed upon the five cent value attracted the attention of the Governor, who requested Mr. Connell not to issue them. He declared that if the command was enforced he would resign. It was, and he did. The Bank Note Co., had prepared a number of sheets of each value in anticipation of an immediate order. The stamps, consisting of some 5000 copies were destroyed by the authorities upon their arrival, and never passed the post.” A new die was immediately prepared for the five cent, which was issued May 24th, 1861. The die is still in possession of the A. B. N. Co. The statement of the then Postmaster General that *these stamps never passed the post* should stand as gospel. He ought to know.

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A gentleman who began collecting in 1861, and therefore is one of the oldest collectors in the U. S., writes to me as follows:

“I note the article on Moens in the Review. Mr. Tiffany, although materially correct, fails to put the thing just right. Moens admitted the Moresnet to be a hoax, but he first got up the stamps and sold them to all comers, and afterwards kept them on sale as ‘Timbres de 1st Avril.’ You see it is the old trick. Moens is old, and he understands that a demand can be created for any sort of a fraud, provided that attention can be directed to it or a noise

made about it; so he made the stamps and then made the noise about Mahe getting fooled with them, only to get the collectors to buy them; and as in 1867 anything got up like a stamp would find a purchaser, he no doubt realized a round sum from it. It was simply an ingenious trick of Mr. Moens to sell a fraud, and he managed to do it and pretend that he did it to bamboozle Mahe, which was partially true. Oh, Moens is a cunning ‘trickist.’

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I suspect that the average American collector does not care a tinker's darn whether Mr. Moens is the arch humbuggist or the immaculate high priest of philately; but I judge that to my English contemporaries it is a matter of vital importance, therefore I will ask a few questions of my friend the Editor of the *Record*:

1st. Where did Moens get the “Masau stamps” that turned out humbugs a few years ago? Moens introduced them—in fact I fear made them.

2d. Where did he get the Richmond City Post and Buck's Richmond Express 2, 5, 10, 15, 20c., which he for many sold at 20 centimes each and warranted genuine?

3d. Whence derived he the Costa Rica of unusual pattern and design figured in his illustrations, unless he made it?

When these questions are satisfactorily answered I will ask a few others still more pointed, and then—well, the fact is I am loaded clear up to the muzzle.

The publishers of the *Record* (London) are reprinting Vol I. Collectors who desire a useful work should send to Stanley Gibbons & Co., for it.

Seebeck's catalogue will, in the matter of American stamps, be the most complete ever attempted in an ordinary price current.

The *Philatelist Gazette*, an English quarterly, will hereafter be edited by T. M. Wears, a prolific and quite able writer.

A local post after the style of Hussey's has been started in Chicago. The manager has issued a stamp.

Since our last Mr. Adee has had one of his periodical railroad smash ups. No damage done.

Costa Rica will enter the Postal union Jan., 1st, 1883.

## NEW ISSUES.

THE NUMBER of stamps issued during every quarter would, if properly described, take up our entire space, and believing that a poor and incomplete description is worse than none, we shall not attempt any, but refer the reader who desires it to Durbin's *Monthly* or Stanley Gibbons & Co.'s *Record*. The following can be relied upon as a complete list of stamps issued during the last quarter:

ANTIGUA.—Half penny, green.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Single and double 2 cent cards.

BAVARIA.—A new series of unpaid letter stamps are out, viz; 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 pfennig, green, and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 marks, red.

BRAZIL.—A new 80 reis card.

CANADA.— $\frac{1}{2}$  cent black.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—1 penny card, red-brown on white.

DENMARK.—Newsband 5 ore green.

FINLAND.—Helmi & Runsala Steam Co. —those bearing "Helmi," are 25 penni, blue; 30 penni, violet; 40 penni, orange; 60 penni, green. The set with "Runsala" consist of 20 penni, blue; 25 penni, lilac; 30 penni, brown; 50 penni, green; 1 mark, violet.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Double post-cards, buff and thick white card,  $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ .

LIBERIA.—Regist'd envelope, black. Adhesives, 8c. blue, 16c. rose.

NEVIS.—One penny revenue stamps have been seen, postmarked, proving them to have been used for postage.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—10 cents de peso, claret; 25 cents de peso, bistre.

RAMPOUR.— $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, orange; 1 anna, brown; 2 annas, blue; 4 annas, green; 8 annas, red.

ST. CHRISTOPHER.—Half penny, green.

TASMANIA.—Card, 1 d. red on buff.

TRANSVAAL.—4d green, surcharged Een (one) Penny in black.

URUGUAY.—1 cent green.

U. S. OF COLOMBIA.—2 c., type of 1881, for internal use; 5 c., registration, blue paper.

## CRIMINAL NEWS.

In the latter part of the summer two persons (Portuguese Israelites, the daily papers called them) were arrested in New York City, and held to answer for counterfeiting certain U. S. Cigarette stamps and 2c and 3c postage stamps—the engraver whom they employed having "given them away" to the secret service officers.

Lewis Degencon and Dr. Felix Valdez, Cubans, were arrested by Special Agent Drummond of the treasury department, charged with counterfeiting postage stamps of the island of Cuba, and arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Shields, in New York, Sept. 30. The officers seized, at Degencon's residence, a large number of dies, plates and a quantity of Cuban counterfeit postage stamps. Degencon was held in \$5000 and Dr. Valdez in \$3000 bail. Besides making counterfeit postage stamps, the accused were engaged in the manufacture of counterfeit revenue stamps, some of which were for \$4, and counterfeit Cuban currency of about 50 cents in value.

On Oct., 28th, Daniel Middleton was tried at Boston, Mass., for counterfeiting a stamp, and was acquitted.

Although there are three alleged philatelic papers published in and about New York City, none of them seems to have seen or heard anything of these important philatelic occurrences, although their columns have been filled with various irrelevant and insignificant paragraphs about P. O. affairs.

An inquiry as to how many of these Cuban stamps have found their way into the albums of the philatelists, and how many have been blackened with a burnt cork and sold at wholesale by the 100 or 1,000, is now in order, and the omission of the arrest of the counterfeiters from the philatelic news of our New York cotemporaries has to our untutored and disingenuous mind the look of being peculiar.



The choicest stamps of the Blackie collection were sold at private sale and realized over \$1,000. The remainder were sold at auction, Oct. 2d, by Scott & Co., and realized \$770.66, the prices being only fair, judging from the catalogue Scott & Co. have kindly sent us.



AN AESTHETIC EDITOR.

**D**OUTBLESS many of our readers waste spare moments perusing some philatelic journal other than the *REVIEW*. If so they have doubtless discovered a vast difference between the *REVIEW* and its so-called contemporaries. It has always been the aim of the *REVIEW* to be excelled by none. To render this ambition an undisputed fact the editor is assisted by an able body of reporters. One of the most intelligent of the staff has just returned from England, where he was dispatched by his chief as a peace offering to the editor of the *Record*. Our readers will remember that a philatelic Irishman in London was suffering, some months ago, with softening of the brain of a contagious form. It appears the disease in looking for better quarters located in the cranium of Mr. Burnett, the gallant editor of the *Record*. Aiming always to give the latest news we published this fact, and our doing so threatened for a time to rupture the brotherly relations existing between the *Record* and the *REVIEW*. As soon as Mr. Burnett had partly recovered from his attack he wrote us a lengthy confidential letter teeming with love and regard. This letter, however, was a justification of our statement, in fact proof to us that Mr. Burnett had not even at that time fully recovered. In answer to his letter we equipped our most intelligent reporter with new sole-leather and bade him hasten and assure Mr. Burnett of our love, sorrow, etc.

That reporter has now returned from his holy mission, and we lay the result before our readers. After much wandering he found the Burnett residence, in the west end of London. It was the work of but a moment to make his presence known to the Celtic servant girl, who departed for the

floor above with his card. Soon our reporter heard some one saying "Send the bloke h'up" and in a few moments he stood in the august presence of the editor, whom he sought to impress with a bow that would have drawn words of admiration from a cigar store Indian. When our reporter had braced himself up after his herculean effort his breath was almost taken away by what he saw. There sat the editor, his feet in a tub, and a lily and sunflower on the table by his side.

Our reporter was brought to his senses by the editor remarking—"So you are from that blarsted h'American journal, the *REVIEW*." Making another grand effort in the way of a bow, our reporter handed Mr. Burnett the letter and silently awaited the result. It was magic and satisfactory. A smile of pleasure spread over the editor's features that would have put to blush Billy Kersands' best efforts. The letter did the business. From that moment our representative was solid, and the editor grew confidential.

"Do you h'Americans revel in the sweetness of the lily and the h'absolute and consummate ego of the sunflower?" softly asked Mr. Burnett as he stooped down to rub a bunion.

Our reporter confessed that he did not quite catch on. This reply upset Mr. Burnett, his foot shot back into the tub, and evidently a corn was damaged. With one eye screwed up with pain and the other fastened on a lily, Mr. Burnett murmured, "Ah, this holy religion of the Beautiful, the faith of all things supremely too-too. 'Appy is he who wears upon the drapery of his spirit the marigold and lily, emblems of inner perceptiveness."

At this point our reporter wiped the perspiration from his brow and was about to say he didn't quite tumble to the racket, when Mr. Burnett continued: "Ah, you poor h'ignorant h'Americans know nothing of the lily beds and scented valleys of this supremely sweet religion—the utterly incomparable sweetness of the leonine glory of the sunflower, which in its brightness mocks heaven's sun. Nay, did you, you could not have written such a cruelly too-too h'intensely unreal article about me."

At the recollection of our article Mr. Burnett dropped hot tears on his feet in the tub. Our reporter begged him to brace up.

"Yes, Yes, I will," said the aesthetic editor. "I will break up if this conflict of wild emotion is not calmed. Ah, but this letter, it is the tuning-fork of the harmonious and delicious music of friendship." saying this, Mr. Burnett gently wiped his big toe with the letter.

"You are blessed with a remarkably genial climate here in England," our reporter ventured to say after a short pause.

"Your perception is absolutely consummate," lisped Mr. Burnett. "My dear friend," continued he, "there is a divine, harmonious, balmy sweetness in our atmosphere that,"—here Mr. Burnett paused a moment and then shuddered. Our reporter, fearing that notwithstanding the balminess of the climate the water in his tub had cooled sufficiently to give Mr. Burnett a chill, suggested to him that he had soaked his feet not wisely but too well.

"Ah, no; 'tis not that," murmured Mr. Burnett. "I am about to leave this Eden, with its sylvan waters where blossoms the lily and"—here Mr. Burnett's emotions overpowered him; sobbing, he grasped the lily by his side and pressed it to his lips. Catching his second wind, he pressed the lily to his bosom, and said, "Ah, where I go the soft benediction of the moon will not fall on thee, but will fall on the cold and lifeless snow of Iceland. In place of the gentle zephyrs that fan thy cheeks will howl mendacious winds," and Mr. Burnett sobbed afresh.

"How is the stamp trade?" our reporter ventured to ask, in hopes of changing the subject.

"Perspicuously consummate," rejoined Mr. Burnett. "The rhapsodical intensity of our philatelic brethren is to utterly too. The conflict for the unique and beautiful is severely grand, and the zephyric sounds of the shillings dropping into the firm's exchequer continues like the music of an indestructible Æolian harp."

At this point the aesthetic editor asked our reporter for a handkerchief, but fearing Mr. Burnett intended to use it as a towel, he hastily bade him good-morning and left.



GOSSIP.

Dr C. W. Viner is almost seventy years old, and parts his hair in the middle.

Mr. N. F. Seebeck has issued a list of sets and packets: the prices, in our judgment, are very low.

The two British stampic associations, one for dealers and the other for collectors, have both collapsed.

Prof. Horner is engaged on a supplement to his History of U. S. Envelopes. The publisher, Mr. Durbin, cannot say when it will be ready.

Mr. E. B. Sterling writes under date of September 25th: "I have sold over \$300 worth of tin-foils since June 1st, and cannot supply the demand.

Messrs. Stanley Gibbons & Co., have issued a supplement to their stamp catalogue. Both are works so well known to collectors that a review is unnecessary.

A prominent New York collector writes: "I have lately seen France 1st issue 1 franc orange at \$7.50 net, and 1st issue Bolivia 100 c green at \$7.50 net, which I am satisfied were changelings."

Gale, the publisher of an English stamp journal, has from time to time, and seemingly without a reason, attacked Fred'k Tozer. The mystery is solved. Tozer sued Gale for a sum due him.

Moens has just issued Coster's U. S. locals in pamphlet form in French. This makes the third time this matter has been published in Coster's name, and the fourth if it is Scott's relashed. There has been no change in the various errors that we formerly pointed out.



### SOMETHING ABOUT COLLECTIONS.

THE following circular letter was addressed to a few well known amateur collectors, and is self-explanatory :

“ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Oct. 1, 1882.

“Dear Sir:—Having lately received many letters from collectors regarding the arrangement of a collection of stamps, I have thought it would be interesting to give as a reply the methods of some of our representative amateur collectors. I would therefore esteem it a favor if in reply you would briefly describe your album and manner of mounting stamps, also whether you collect varieties of shades, perforation, etc., and to what extent.

“Very respectfully,

J. C. RASMUSSEN.”

Before giving the few replies we have selected we will give a letter we have received on this subject from a prominent collector. We have thoroughly tested the rubber mounting he describes, and consider it emphatically the thing for mounting stamps, and would advise our readers to try it :

“My album was made to order, and consists of 250 sheets of thin card-board 12 inches by 14, bound on linen hinges in half Russia. The pages are printed on both sides with a plain narrow frame in carmine about one and a half inches from the edge. With this exception there is not a mark on it. This will hold 1,000 post cards on the left hand pages and 7,500 stamps on the right hand pages. The arrangement is by grand divisions—America coming first, and the United States being first in that division. After that the countries come alphabetically, with a few exceptions made for convenience. Envelopes, which should be collected in an entire state, I shall put into another similar but thinner book, with space cut to prevent the crushing of embossed dies. The best albums for sale, in my opinion, are the Imperial, made by Stanley Gibbons & Co., and they would be better if they were in one volume and had no spaces for cut envelopes.

“For two or three years I have mounted stamps with a solution of pure india-rubber in bisulphide of carbon. Sometime after I began using this I saw a solution of rubber and benzole recommended in an English journal. The bisulphide is much the best, but it should be fresh—i. e. the original package should not have been long opened. The proper proportions are attained by the cut and try method, beginning with a bit of rubber as large as a bean, shredded with scissors, to six ounces of bisulphide, and adding more until the desired consistence is obtained. This solution is applied to the back of the stamp which should be dry, and also to the place where the stamp is to be put. When quite dry the stamp is placed in position without further ado—a slight pressure fixes it securely; yet it can readily be removed and replaced without using more of the solution. Although the preparation dries instantly, it is best to allow an hour or two for it to thoroughly harden, in order that when the two rubber surfaces come together they may not become homogenous, and thus cause denudation of the space or the stamp on removal of the latter. The substance is almost colorless, can be readily removed by using a pencil mark obliterater, and protects the stamp from moisture. If the entire back of an unused stamp is covered by the solution it will never become fixed in place through dampness by the gum, but I usually apply the preparation with the end of a cork, thus leaving an adhesive disc about as large as a dime. The bottle containing the solution must be kept tightly corked.

“In my opinion the above described is the only good way to mount stamps. I collect all varieties of perforation and distinct shades where they result from intention in the printing, not when they are occasioned by a variation in the quantity of ink. Also distinct varieties of paper: that is tinted, very thin or very thick paper; but draw the line at watermarks, to which I pay no attention except so far as they aid other things.”

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Before going further we wish to thank all who kindly contributed on this subject, and regret that our space will not permit us to give all the replies received. We have se-



lected a few most to the point, which are as follows:

*Treasury Department, 2d Comptroller's Office,*  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 14, 1882. }

"Dear Sir:—In consequence of my absence from the Department for several weeks I have been unable to reply earlier to your favor of the 2d inst. In reply to your inquiry I will say that I have for my collection Scott's International Album, printed on one side only. I consider his Album the best for amateur collectors, from the fact that it is simple and the illustrations of the various stamps very readily enable a child to place the stamps thereon. I, however, find great objection to his Album on account of his crowding the spaces too much. He puts too many spaces and crowds the stamps, which in a measure spoils their appearance. So far as the spaces for U. S. Envelopes stamps are concerned you are obliged to cut them so close that it spoils the appearance and also the value of the stamp—after you cut the envelope stamp for the space there is hardly any margin left. For setting off the beauty of the stamp after being placed in the space there is no Album to compare favorably with the 'Imperial' of Stanley Gibbons & Co., which is decidedly the best, if it had the illustrations—but as it is I consider it the best Album extant. I would by all means recommend all collectors to mount stamps with gum paper hinges which is the best, as it is simple and safe. I am getting an Album made of good plain paper and will rule the spaces according to the 'Imperial.'

"Your last quarterly of July is splendid, and you deserve all the patronage you can get. Every collector should subscribe for your journal.

Respectfully, J. A. SHINDLER."

ROCK ISLAND, October 2, 1882.

"Dear Sir:—Replying to yours Oct. 1st—I have been using Scott's International Album, but am now preparing one after my own plans. The beginner or Amateur needs nought but a regularly published album. For mounting I use the hinge method. This is in my opinion the only convenient way to attach stamps to the page. I do not collect to any extent varieties of shades and perforation. That manner of collecting need only be indulged in by the

most scientific of men who make philately a correlative of the natural sciences, and who propose to have the world recognize it as being equal to any existing science.

Yours truly,

E. P. REYNOLDS, JR."

"POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 4, 1882. }

"Dear Sir:—At present my stamps are mounted with the usual paper hinge, in an International Album, which is, however, only temporary. This I consider the best for beginners, and would consider it more favorably for the 'advanced collector,' had it spaces for all the United States and English envelopes. There is one other fault about it, however—the spaces allotted to the envelopes are too small. It necessitates the cutting away of too much of the paper, thereby much depreciating the value of the stamps.

"I have two ideas in regard to permanently arranging my stamps: 1st. To have an album made with blank pages, except a handsome border printed thereon, and then rule the spaces to suit myself. 2d. To have constructed a cabinet, the top and back (or front) of which are to be hinged, and fill it with sheets of nice white cardboard of the proper size, with a border printed on each, and then rule them as I would the book described above. (This is exactly the method adopted by me five years ago. It only needs to be seen to be adopted.—*Editor S. C. R.*) The advantage of this over the book is that you can at any time insert a card for a new country, or a new issue, and at the same time not disturb the arrangement of the others in the least. I shall adopt one or the other of the two plans, but which I have not decided. I collect varieties of color if there is a good perceptible difference. The same of perforations. I do not collect whole envelopes, nor do I pay any attention to watermarks.

Very respectfully your ob't serv't,

EDWIN R. HODGE."

[Continued in Next Number.]

C. H. Mekeel, of Chicago, has been called on by Dawson Vindin, of Australia, to settle an old account. There would be nothing worthy of notice in this, had not Mekeel been interesting himself regarding the honesty of others, *a la* key-hole mode.

## THE ICELAND P. O.

The editor of the London *Record* recently went to Iceland to give his brain a chance to cool off. Like butter it gets soft in summer, and of course Iceland is one of the best places in the world for cooling things. We confess we feared he would return with a cart full of newly discovered locals, but it seems none could be found. Writing of his visit he says: "At one time we thought we might have been in a position to treat of the postal system of Iceland; but, after careful inquiry, we could discover no traces of system. There seems to be one post, at uncertain intervals, from the north of the island to Reykjavick, the capital. The letters for other localities are taken on by any one who happens to be going in that direction. On our way home we paid a visit to the Post-Office at Reykjavick, a small wooden building, where books and stationery are also sold. The procedure, when we asked if perchance there was a letter for us, reminded us strongly of Sir Daniel Cooper's account of the management of the Post-office at Honolulu in olden times. All the letters addressed *Poste-restanee*, many of them of ancient date, were handed to us to select from. It is well that our integrity was not tested by any missve which had the appearance of containing a remittance, for we were getting very hard up. But then dishonesty is unknown amongst the simple Icelanders, who therefore trust foreigners as they do one another. The chief work of the Post-office seems to devolve on a very smart little boy of about twelve; whist the worthy Postmaster, in gold banded cap, beams benevolently on all comers, and smokes cruel bad cigars, the fumes of which are eminently calculated to work chemical changes in the colours of the stamps.

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Mr. C. Collins, the former editor of the *Stamp World*, is attending school at Harvard. He will probably return to Cincinnati in a few years with M. A. hanging to the tail of his name. We hope this will not give him the big head. If it does his former partner Mr. Mills will be forced to enlarge his door when Collins visits him, and to do this might cripple the *Stamp World's* exchequer.

## THINGS PHILATELIC.



Another stamp journal has departed for that country "where the wind bloweth as it listeth" and the whang doodle mourneth for its first born, and where such petty annoyances as printers' bills are unknown. This time it was the *Philatelic Review*, an old English journal. We were told that it had just sixteen subscribers when it departed. This showing has upset my belief in the power and influence of British stamp journals. Hereafter we shall let them howl and sweat all they want to, for they can harm no one.

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From Mr. B. M. Hammond, of Texas, we have received an amateur sheet called the *Pigmy*, which says: "The collecting of Postage Stamps has become very general, and boys in all parts of the country are the parties usually engaged in it, and no doubt, they find it very instructive and amusing. The Prince of a Royal family once had a collection." This is about the correct size of it, or, as our English friend, the *Record*, would say, "the whole thing in a nutshell."

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Forty thousand dollars was recently paid by a Frenchman to an Englishman for his collection of old postage stamps. An exchange thinks the "fool killer" ought to stand in the middle of the Channel and kick both ways.—*Cincinnati Gazette*.

The *Gazette* and its exchange are very, very badly mistaken. By the way, there were 40,000 stamps in that collection and if I had 40,000 spare dollars, would willingly give them for a collection of that size. What true philatelist would not?—*Boz*.

When the fool killer gets through in the British channel he ought to look after *Boz*.

As a good, healthy liar the author of the following deserves the cake: "I collect great numbers of common stamps, which I send abroad to one of my relatives, who in turn sends them to China to the missionaries. They buy children from their pagan parents for a number of these stamps, and give them a Christian education. The Chinese are known to cover their walls with stamps." This appeared in the *Stamp News*, of England, and was written by a person named Weale, and we fear the editor of the *News* took it in as gospel truth. This baby story first appeared in the *Boston Journal* some years ago.

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Our various contemporaries apparently consider every article containing the word post-office one of philatelic importance. Life is too short to argue the correctness of this assumption, therefore we will acknowledge it the proper caper and follow suit by submitting

## WHAT VICE-VERSA MEANT.

"Sam," said an old colored man down at the post-office to another old codger, "What's de meanin of versa-versa?"

"It means tother from which," answered Sam with great dignity.

"I dunno," said the first one, "I think it means upside down."

"No," retorted his friend, "Ise done suah it means hind side defoah."

A third old fellow came by just then and they appended the question to him.

"I cannot desplain pezzetly," he said, "so to meet wif your comprehension, but wiser-versa am a propiation from de Latin and means wuss and wuss-and mo' of it. I members stumblin ober it at allledge. It am a hard word to pernounce."

He ambled along with his buck saw and the two who had referred to him looked after him with respect and admiration, wondering that "one small head could carry all he knew."

If the definition given by our colored friend were correct, the same might serve to express the condition of the philatelic press of the present day.

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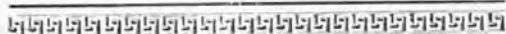
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The above was clipped from the advertising columns of a small journal, and we refer to it in the hopes that it may prove a bonanza to our young friends of the various stamp papers.

We know a collector who has been cussed as a fool by his father and pitied as one by his sister, just because he had the stamp craze. This may be the proper feeling in such a case, but he is evidently not such a fool as they thought. We base this on his statement that he had engaged his little brother for the sum of five cents per week to warm his place in bed every night last winter.

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There is a young man in New York who claims he has seen eighteen summers and almost that many winters. We think fifteen would be nearer right. Calman is his name. His father is a dealer in paints and varnishes and is a Jew. This latter fact is nothing discreditible, nor can he help it. A white Jew and a polished Jew is as satisfactory a specimen of humanity as can be found any where, and in view of the fact that Calman, Sr., deals in white lead and varnishes it is fair to suppose that Calman, Jr., is or can be both white and polished. At the Brown auction sale Calman was profuse in his assertions that Rasmussen did not write any of the articles that appeared in this journal, and S. A. Taylor was named as one of the gentlemen who did. It seems a few gentlemen present questioned the truth of the statement. It must be painful to have one's word questioned when one goes so far as to speak of matters that do not concern one. Poor Calman painted his statement in strong colors. That his audience could not see it, does not speak well for the Calman paints. If he will lend us a pot of varnish we will bring out the colors, but probably the Calman varnish is not so cheap as Calman wind, and therefore we may have to wait too long for it; so we will brighten his colors in our own good way. Of course Mr. S. A. Taylor contributes to this journal. Calman, Sr., can safely give Calman, Jr., a dollar to bet on this statement. How could it be otherwise, when all the best philatelic writers contribute? We will state, however, for the sake of any business relations which may exist between Mr. Taylor and young Mr. Calman, that this is not one of Mr. Taylor's articles. Mr. Calman will kindly bear in mind that *all the best, and none but the best*, philatelic writers contribute to the *Review*. That is one reason why his productions can only appear in the advertising columns.



## NOTES AND QUERIES.



Letters not containing stamp for reply, and questions which may interest our readers, will be answered here.

I. N., Greencastle.—We have no old philatelic papers to sell. We pay a rent for the premises we occupy and cannot afford to give space to such truck. There may be a few copies under our carpet and will remember you when it is being taken up.

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T. H., Peoria.—In No. 1 of this volume the editor told why he would not notice the rag-tag and bob-tail of philately. For that reason the remarks of the Chicago sheet will remain unnoticed.

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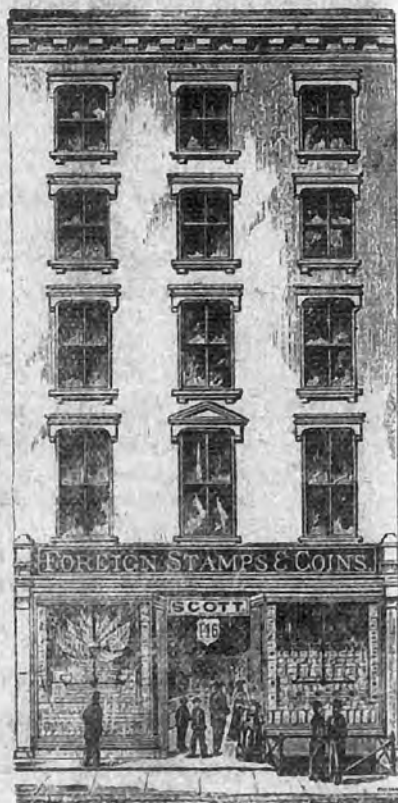
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